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Klickitat PUD Offices Remain Closed

I wanted to update customers on several topics that have been discussed on this page the last several months.

Klickitat PUD's offices remain closed to the public due to COVID-19 risks, but we are all still working. Customer interaction is taking place via telephone, or in the field with social distancing. My guess is this method of interacting will be in effect for at least a couple more months. We are responding to all new construction as outlined by Washington state. With Klickitat County moving into Phase 2, we have begun reaching out to customers who are in arrears so they can put repayment plans in place.



Roosevelt Landfill Update

We are working with Republic Services at the Roosevelt landfill to optimize the methane collection system that provides fuel for Klickitat PUD's renewable natural gas production facility. As of this writing, some new wells are being drilled to increase well density. KPUD employees Jonah Humphreys and Phillip McMillen are trying out some new ideas to develop geographic information system analysis tools. Our thanks to Art Mains and the Republic Services staff for their support on this project.

Preparing for Fire Season

The Klickitat PUD staff is planning for the upcoming fire season. We are not implementing power shutoffs, but we plan to adjust settings on protection equipment to not reenergize on a faulted circuit. This proactive approach may help prevent fire ignition due to a downed line or other abnormal condition. The Bonneville Power Administration implemented this last year on one of our transmission circuits, and we expect them to do the same this year.

Goldendale Energy Pumped Storage Facility Update

Lastly, National Grid and Rye Development are planning to submit their final Federal Energy Regulatory Commission license application for the Goldendale Energy Pumped Storage Facility this month. We continue to support the project, including processing \$1.1 million in state funds appropriated by Sen. Jim Honeyford that are being used to assist the developers with filing the final application.

We look forward to interacting with our customers again soon. Stay safe and healthy.

Jim Smith
General Manager