

As your Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 2 of Pacific County (PUD) we are tasked with the job of setting rates for your PUD. This is not something we take lightly and only do when absolutely necessary. The District strives every day to become more efficient through technology and the use of its greatest resource, it's employees.

The District is a customer of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) where power is purchased for your electrical use. On October 1, 2019 BPA raised the District's rates for Transmission and Power services. In order to maintain the electrical system of the District, customer rates were also raised. The District was able to use \$525,000 of reserve funds to postpone the second half of the increase until April 1, 2021.

We made the decision to increase the Residential Basic Service Charge by four dollars (\$4) starting April 1, 2021. A newsletter, available online, is being sent to all customers detailing the rate increase to residential, commercial and industrial rate classes. This increase will bring the rates back in line with the rates paid by the District to BPA and to cover the BPA increase that will occur this fall on October 1, 2021. The District will evaluate this increase in the Spring of 2022 and adjust rates if necessary at this time, rather than the Fall of 2021, to lessen the burden of higher winter bills.

Your PUD currently has the lowest rates in the State of Washington for a non-generating PUD and will continue this achievement, even with this rate increase. The District works hard to provide the most reliable service with over 70% of the system underground and the investment of stainless steel and bronze materials which stand up to our harsh weather conditions and the test of time, though the cost may be more.

Dedicated PUD employees work hard to provide responsive, reliable and professional service at the lowest possible cost to our customer-owners of the PUD, 24 hours a day all year long.

As your elected commissioners, we strive to be transparent and accountable to you – the public we serve. PUD Board meetings are open to the public and you are encouraged to attend. Meetings start at 1 PM and are held the first Tuesday of each month in the auditorium at the Willapa Operations Center in Raymond and the third Tuesday of each month in the auditorium at the Peninsula Operations Center in Long Beach. Currently all meetings are conducted on Zoom. Please check online at www.pacificpud.org for meeting details and more information about your utility.

Yours Truly,

Debbie Oakes, President
District 2 Commissioner

Dick Anderson, Vice President
District 3 Commissioner

Pam Hickey, Secretary
District 1 Commissioner