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PUD No. 2 News

FALL 2015

Retail Rates Going Up October 1, 2015

Public Utility District No. 2 of Pacific County (PUD) purchases nearly all of its wholesale power needs from the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). Bonneville currently embarks on a rate case process every two years and just filed a final Record of Decision in late July. Even with considerable pushback from many of the rate case parties, including a couple organizations with which your PUD is a member, BPA announced an average increase of 7.1% in power rates and an overall 4.4% increase in transmission rates. These new wholesale power and transmission rates vary depending on whether the BPA customer is covered under a Full Requirements, Block, or Slice/Block contract and is served by either Network Transmission or Point-to-Point Transmission. Your PUD is a Slice/Block customer and the average increase on the power side for these customers is 7.9%. When the wholesale power and transmission rate increase from BPA is combined the average total effective rate increase is 7.51%. The new rates go into effect on October 1, 2015 for Bonneville Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017.

The PUD has evaluated the new Bonneville Power Administration wholesale power and transmission rates specific to our Utility and based on these numbers will increase the retail rates by four percent.

This change will appear on your electric bill as an increase of the power cost adjustment factor from three to seven percent. This retail rate adjustment is based solely on the increase to the wholesale power and transmission costs, nothing more. This new power cost adjustment factor will apply to all retail energy registered after October 1, 2015.



PUD POLICY: Off Over One Year

This is a reminder for customers who may wish to have their existing electrical service disconnected for an extended period of time (where power is shut off and no monthly bill is generated). A service disconnected for more than one year is treated like a NEW service. Additional work and fees may be required before the PUD can reconnect the service. Please consider this policy when deciding whether or not to leave a service disconnected for an extended period. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call someone in our Engineering Department for more information. An individual can be reached at 360-942-2411, 360-642-3191 or 360-484-7454.



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For your convenience, drop boxes are located in front of both offices for after hours payments.

To Report After Hours Outages:

North County:
1-877-204-6181

South County:
1-877-602-6465

Board meetings:

1st Tues. @ 1:00pm
Willapa Operations Center,
Raymond

3rd Tues. @ 1:00pm
Peninsula Operations
Center, Long Beach

If regular meeting day is a holiday,
the Board meets the following
day.

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Importance of Clear Meter Access

Your meter readers have thousands of meters to read each month. It is critical that access to your electric meter and/or water meter is clear of debris, vegetation, obstructions or animals, so your meter reader can do their job as quickly and efficiently as possible.

Another obstruction for your meter reader may be a locked gate.

If access to your electric or water meter requires going through a locked gate or door, please contact your local PUD to make sure the meter readers have access to your electric meter(s).



Access to your meter is also very important in emergency situations. If a building is on fire, the fire department can't do their job until the PUD disconnects the power. If access to the meter is obstructed, more time may be necessary to disconnect the power.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Maintenance and upkeep to the electrical meter base is

the responsibility of the homeowner. Severely rusted or damaged meter bases can be hazardous to people and animals. We strongly encourage you to check your meter base and make any necessary repairs.

Be Prepared for Winter Storms

Winter storms can strike with little warning knocking out power. You can be better prepared for emergencies by checking the listing below:

- A family preparedness kit should be ready with water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and any special items for medical conditions.
- A flashlight and extra batteries; candles and matches.
- A telephone connected directly to the jack; cordless phones rely on electricity.
- Properly installed and inspected generator.
- Clean drinking water, at least one gallon for each person per day.
- Battery-powered radio.
- Keep refrigerators and freezers closed; they can keep food safe up to 3 days if not opened.

For further information, please contact Pacific County Emergency Management at www.co.pacific.wa.us/pcema or your local Red Cross Chapter.