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SEPTEMBER 2009 NEWSLETTER

Greg Booth, General Manager

Board of Directors:

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New Rate Schedules Approved

The CPUD Board of Directors approved new rate schedules at the August Board meeting in response to the 7.5% Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) wholesale power rate increase that will take effect in October. The new rate schedules will also take effect October 1 and customers will see an increase of \$.003 per kilowatt hour (kWh); however, the increase will be equally offset by a power supply benefit, which was approved at the July Board meeting. Customers will receive the benefit for the next two years, unless the Board determines otherwise. Greg Booth, General Manager, wants customers to know that the new rate schedules represents an increase in the long-term cost of power supply for the District. The cost of capital additions, ones that are budgeted for such as the new headquarters facilities, wages or reliability improvements, are not reasons for the rate increase. The current rate schedules could not reliably cover the increase in power costs over the long term. Booth adds "it was a strategic move to keep the PUD in a healthy financial position by approving the rate increase, in addition to the offsetting power supply benefit, rather than delaying the rate increase two years." The new rate schedules and information on the power supply benefit will be posted on the PUD's website.

CPUD Employee Highlights

One of two new faces may greet you during a visit to our office. Lynn Donner and Cindy Siekierka joined the Clatskanie PUD team in July as part-time Utility Service Representatives. Lynn has worked in the banking sector and returned to Oregon, a place she loves, just a few years ago. A life-long Rainier resident, Cindy most recently worked at Advanced Spinal Fitness as the Office Manager. Both are excited to be a part of the PUD.

CPUD also has the added help from two student interns, Chantel Jenks and Gavin Johnson. They are both local students who are gaining on-the-job experience before they head back to college this fall. Welcome everyone!

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