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Clatskanie PUD Celebrates 65th Birthday



CPUD Board of Directors, Left to right Bob Wiggins, Janet Willey, Merle Gillespie, Steve Petersen. Not pictured Don Hooper.
Photo by Deborah Steele Hazen, The Clatskanie Chief

On March 12, 1943, Clatskanie PUD became the first operating PUD in Oregon when electric service was energized to the Clatskanie and Quincy areas. To celebrate 65 years of service, the Clatskanie People's Utility District Board of Directors including Merle Gillespie, Bob Wiggins, Steve Petersen, and Janet Willey, took time for birthday cake and pictures at their March 12th workshop. Director Don Hooper was unable to attend. Wiggins, Petersen, and Willey were all appointed to the Board in 2007, as the result of two separate recall elections in which three Directors were recalled. Board President Gillespie credits the 65 years of success to quality people, a commitment to the community and putting it first, and innovation.

The service territory for Clatskanie PUD has expanded over the years, providing over 1 billion kWh of energy to over 4,500 customers in Columbia and Clatsop County. Today, Clatskanie PUD holds the distinction of having the lowest electric rates in the state, and among the lowest rates in the nation.

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