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Clatskanie PUD Experiences Busy Week

Approximately 1,000 Clatskanie PUD (CPUD) customers in Rainier experienced a short interruption of electric service the morning of May 6. Portland General Electric (PGE) line crews were stringing new transmission line from Alston to Trojan when one of the lines accidentally dropped on to an energized Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA) 115 kV transmission line, source for CPUD's Rainier Substation. CPUD line crews quickly responded to the area and had power restored within 40 minutes by switching to our emergency interconnection with Columbia River PUD's Nye Substation west of Rainier. The emergency interconnection remained in use until last Friday when the BPA 115 kV transmission line to Rainier was repaired.

On Monday May 11th, at the request of PGE, Clatskanie PUD de-energized the Bradbury Substation and the 115kV Clatskanie to Bradbury transmission line so PGE crews could work on their 230kV transmission line steel structures in the Port Westward area. This work is expected to last until May 14th. CPUD transferred the entire Bradbury Substation load to the Clatskanie and Delena Substations prior to de-energizing the transmission line and Bradbury Substation. If all goes well, customers will see no interruption of service during the switching process.

Also on Monday, CPUD took the Delena Substation out of service so that BPA crews could perform emergency repairs on a malfunctioning switch adjacent to the Delena Substation. About 1,050 Clatskanie PUD customers served from Delena substation experienced an interruption of electric service lasting from 11 P.M. until approximately 2:00 A.M. The PUD apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused for our customers. Due to the last minute request from BPA, most but not all customers were able to be notified of the outage. CPUD strives to personally contact every individual customer who will be affected by a planned outage and would like to ask customers to update their contact phone number should notification be necessary. If you have any questions, please call the PUD (503) 728-2163 or e-mail us at clatspud@clatskaniepud.com.