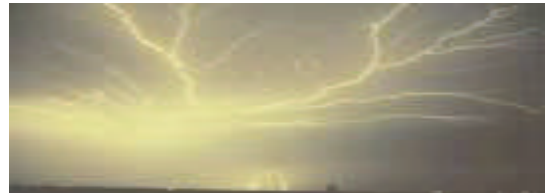


## LIGHTNING AND STORMS; DO THE SAFE THING

Plan ahead so you don't get caught outside during a storm. If you see lightning or hear thunder, go indoors immediately. Lightning can travel, so stay away from bathtubs, sinks, phones and anything that uses electricity, like TVs, computers or video games.

### IF YOU CAN'T GET INDOORS:

- GET into a hardtop car—not a convertible.
- STAY away from trees, tall objects and anything metal.
- STAY away from rivers, lakes and swimming pools.
- IF you are caught in the open, drop to your knees and bend forward, putting your hands on your knees. Do not lie down or put your hands on the ground.



A typical lightning bolt carries 30 million volts of electricity—as much as 2.5 million car batteries. About 100 people are killed and more than 1,000 people are injured by lightning in the U.S. each year.

## ELECTRICAL INDUSTRY CAREERS

The power delivery industry offers a great opportunity for an exciting and rewarding long-term career. Today more than ever, the country is totally dependent on reliable delivery of electric power. In addition, the electrical industry is projecting a considerable void in the near future due to retirements. The need for line workers is projected to be at a high level for years to come.

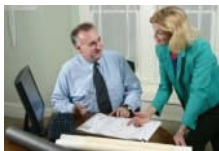
People are the most important resource of any electric utility. Without them, the planning, support and supervision necessary for producing and delivering electricity would be impossible. Take a closer look at some of the exciting jobs in the electric utility industry such as: engineers, accountants, environmentalists, computer



programmers, linemen, meter and transformer personnel, customer service representatives, health and safety specialists, human resources, energy conservation, marketing and advertising specialists, administrative/executive assistant, generating plant operators, to many other professional jobs.



The electric utility industry is working to meet our electrical energy needs Today...and Tomorrow.



So consider a career in the electric utility industry..A career that offers CHALLENGE and OPPORTUNITY.

## ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES AND UNDERSTANDING THE ENERGYGUIDE LABEL

Appliances account for about 20% of your household's energy consumption, with refrigerators, clothes washers, and clothes dryers at the top of the consumption list. When you're shopping for appliances, think of two price tags. The first one covers the purchase price—think of it as a down payment. The second price tag is the cost of operating the appliance during its lifetime. You'll be paying on that second price tag every month with your utility bill for the next 10 to 20 years, depending on the appliance.

When you do have to shop for a new appliance, look for the Energy Star label. Energy Star products usually exceed minimum federal standards by a substantial amount.

To help you figure out whether an appliance is energy efficient, the federal government requires most appliances to display the bright yellow and black EnergyGuide label. This label give you two important pieces of information you can use to compare different brands and models when shopping for a new appliance:

\*Estimated energy consumption on a scale showing a range for similar models.

\*Estimated yearly operating cost based on the national average cost of electricity.



### What's the Real Cost?

Every appliance has two price tags—the purchase price and the operating cost. Consider both when buying a new appliance.

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## IMPORTANT SAFETY MESSAGE

Have a wonderful summer but always remember to stay clear of electrical power equipment such as substations, transformers, poles, and meters. Stay away from electric wires when flying kites, model planes, and balloons.

## METHOW TRANSMISSION PROJECT

Given the time frame for reconsideration or appeal of the Court of Appeals' decision regarding the Methow Transmission Project Environmental Impact Statement, Okanogan County PUD feels it would be inappropriate to comment on the outcome of this ruling until the appeal period has expired. We will continue to update you as more information becomes available.

## VISIT OUR BOOTH AT THE 2008 OKANOGAN COUNTY FAIR

If you missed our live, outdoor, electrical safety demonstrations or stopping by our booth last year please make sure to visit with us this year. Come meet your PUD staff, say Hello and ask questions on how you can conserve electricity in your home or business. We have information on renewable energy and many other energy conservation topics. Learn about all of the programs we have to offer as well as any rebates available. It's our chance to meet you, our customers. So let us be part of your day.



*Hope to see you at the Fair!*

## ATTENTION:

### CALL BEFORE YOU DIG

Remember that electric utility cables may be buried beneath your property.



Every year residents accidentally dig into underground lines causing outages and costly repairs. Even worse, injury or death.

Thankfully, this mistake is entirely avoidable.

**Remember to be safe and call before you dig!**

**1-800-424-5555**

## CLIMATE CHANGE & POWER GENERATION

You have probably seen or heard the terms climate change and global warming recently in the media. Discussions on global climate change are occurring in many policy forums and are influencing legislative initiatives at the national, regional and state levels.

The Northwest has a long history of climate-friendly generation, energy efficiency efforts, and conservation programs. As a result, energy generation in the Northwest produces less CO<sub>2</sub> per megawatt-hour than any other region in the United States. Climate change is a very complex issue that will take a global effort to address. Northwest consumer-owned utilities are pitching in and doing their part to make sure that this region's amazing hydropower system is given adequate consideration in this debate and that the needs of their consumers are well represented as solutions are considered.

For more information on the electric utility industry's views on climate change, please visit the following Web sites:

Public Power Council – [www.ppcpdx.org](http://www.ppcpdx.org)

Northwest Public Power Association – [www.nwppa.org](http://www.nwppa.org)

American Public Power Association – [www.appanet.org](http://www.appanet.org)

Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee – [www.pnucc.org](http://www.pnucc.org)

People Power – [www.pplpwr.org](http://www.pplpwr.org)