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A NEWSLETTER FOR CUSTOMERS OF OKANOGAN PUD ISSUE 10-03

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During 2008 District staff and consultants from RW Beck started a three phase project aimed at bolstering the District's financial strategies. The first phase consisted of a **Cost of Service Study**, which was completed in May of 2009. This study reviews the balance of rates between revenue classes.

The second phase is the **Equity Management Plan**, which establishes goals for operating ratios, margins and reserve balances. In March 2010, District

staff and consultants from RW Beck started putting the final touches on its Equity Management Plan completing phase two of this three phase project. The District is now working to complete the third and final phase. A **Rate Study** on the electric operations of the District has been completed. The purpose of the rate study was to establish rate schedules for each revenue class that would be fair and achieve the goals that were identified during phases one and two. A result-

ing recommendation from the study has been presented to the Board of Commissioners (BOC) for their consideration. During this stage, meetings between RW Beck, staff and the BOC as well as opportunities for public input were conducted. Three town hall meetings were held during the Month of April to offer the public the opportunity to hear and comment on the proposal. The BOC is expected to take action on the proposal in May. If approved, the resulting rate

increase would take effect July 1st.

In an effort to better help its customers understand the proposed rate changes and how they will affect a customer's bill, Okanogan PUD has provided a calculator on our web page at www.okanoganpud.org/ratestudy.htm. The calculator allows customers to compare the affect of the proposed rate against a customer's current bill.

FREE ENERGY AUDITS

Is your utility bill too high? Are you wanting to do something about it but just don't know where to start? We can help! The Energy Services Dept. at the PUD can do an energy audit on your home or business. The information we gather can then be used to come up with a plan to help reduce your electrical energy usage. Call us today so we can get started. 422-8427 or 422-8428.



HELP PREVENT POSTERITIS

It's that time of year again when yard sales become Okanogan County's most popular sporting event. Locations are popping up everywhere and so is the advertising; including places where it doesn't belong. Attachments to PUD poles create safety hazards. Signs advertising yard/garage sales, homes for sale or rent, or party balloons are common. Nails, staples, tape and rope used to attach the signs present a physical hazard. Linemen cannot sink their climbing gear into nail heads and staples. They can also damage electrically insulated gear. A tiny puncture in this safety equipment can expose the lineman to severe electrical shock. PLEASE HELP KEEP OUR LINEMEN SAFE. Do not attach signs to poles.

THANK YOU!

SEE THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST'S BEST POWER LINEMEN IN ACTION

FREE SATURDAY JUNE 19, 2010

WALLA WALLA POINT PARK WENATCHEE

OPENING CEREMONY AT 8 A.M.

Lineman Rodeo

WATCH DUCKY DASH AT 7 P.M. ON FRIDAY JUNE 18 IN THE LAGOON AT WALLA WALLA POINT PARK

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE ANDREW YORK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

BROUGHT TO YOU BY:

www.chelanpud.org/Lineman-Rodeo.html

LOOKING FOR SOME SUMMER FUN

Come join our PUD linemen in Wenatchee on June 18th & 19th for some great family entertainment. The annual Andrew York Memorial Lineman Rodeo takes place at the Walla Walla Point Park on these dates. Come see the best power linemen in the Pacific Northwest display their talents while providing an entertaining and educational show for people of all ages. Go to www.chelanpud.org/Lineman-Rodeo.html for more information.

Extra savings while funds last! In addition to rebates (incentives) Okanogan PUD offers, selected energy-efficient refrigerators and clothes washers qualify for Washington State Cash for Appliances rebates. Visit www.cashforapplianceswa.com or www.cashforappliances.wa.gov for details.

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS

Did you know that lighting accounts for approximately 40% of the average commercial building's electric bill.



Did you also know that the T12 fluorescent lamps and electromagnetic ballasts you're currently using will soon be going away!

New lighting standards have recently gone into effect that will slowly phase out the old technology in favor of the new. New lighting that is more energy efficient and provides better lighting too.

Are you ready for the change? We can help explain your options and introduce you to a program that can help pay for the upgrade.

Give us a call at 422-8427 or 422-8428. Funding is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

REPLACE + RECYCLE = REWARDS

\$75 CASH BACK

\$100 CASH BACK

CASH FOR APPLIANCES IS HERE! Swap out your old energy-guzzling clothes washer for a new, more efficient qualified model and get back \$100. Recycle your resource-wasting fridge and buy an ENERGY STAR® model and you'll get a \$75 rebate. This cash back is in addition to any incentive offered by your local utility.

ACT FAST. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis beginning March 15, 2010 and are available until funds run out.

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