

PUD Remains in Compliance with Energy Independence Act



A report from the Washington State Auditor's Office has found the Grays Harbor PUD to be in compliance with the Energy Independence Act. Passed in 2006 as Initiative 937, the act required the utility to obtain 9% of its energy from sources defined as "renewable" by 2016 and 15% by 2020. In a report delivered last month, the Auditor found that the PUD reached its goal of 84,439 megawatt hours in 2018 and 86,856 megawatt hours 2019 through a combination of wind, solar and biomass generation and renewable energy credits. This marks the eighth consecutive year in which the PUD has been in compliance with EIA requirements.

"This report is a message to our customers that their utility continues to responsibly provide energy that is a benefit to the utility and to the environment," said General Manager Dave Ward. "Washington has been a leader in clean and renewable energy for decades and I am very proud that Grays Harbor PUD continues to play a role in that tradition."



An audit by the Washington State Auditor's office examines the use of solar, biomass generation and wind power to determine a utility's compliance with the Energy Independence Act.



Commission Meeting Dates

Meetings are held in the Nichols Building, 220 Myrtle Street, Hoquiam.

July 2020

Monday - July 6
Monday - July 20

August 2020

Monday - August 10
(rescheduled from August 3)
Monday - August 24
(rescheduled from August 17)

Utility workshops are held at 3:30 pm. Regular business meetings are scheduled to begin at 4:30 pm. Public comment periods are included at the open and close of every meeting.

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Commissioners Corner

by Dave Timmons, District Two

I hope that all of you are surviving during these crazy past few months dealing with the Coronavirus Pandemic. It certainly has changed the way we all go about our daily life and the GHPUD is no exception. Finding a way to conduct our daily business, meet your needs and keeping the staff and the customers who we work with on a daily basis safe, is our primary concern. Though it is challenging, I think as a whole, our staff has done a good job. It's hard to practice social distancing while working in a bucket, changing a pole or repairing a power line but our crews are safely doing it. I am one of those persons that does not enjoy wearing a face mask, but to help keep my family and friends safe, I don't leave home without it and I know your PUD employees feel exactly the same about you.

We've all heard the saying "we're not alone in this" used to describe the response to COVID and in the PUD world that is also true. As your PUD representative on the Washington PUD Association Board, I have seen and participated in the discussions on best practices that utilities across the state are using to continue our critical service to the community. Utilities share ideas, tell cautionary tales and advocate together to make sure that the best interests of our customers are being met.

If there is anything our PUD staff can do to assist you with a PUD related problem, please do not hesitate to let us know by calling our Customer Service office at 360-532-4220 and we will work with you to find a resolution. Stay safe and wash your hands.



An Important Reminder: No Signs on Power Poles, Please!

Power poles may seem like a good place for garage sale signs, political signs, flyers for a lost pet, or your poster seeking a new drummer for your 1980s cover band, but the reality is posting signs on power poles presents a danger to PUD crews and is against the law. Posting signs on power poles is a misdemeanor AND staples, tacks, nails and other items used to secure signs to poles can interfere with the equipment PUD crews use to safely secure themselves to poles while climbing them. This has the potential to result in a fall and injuries. Help keep your PUD crews safe and steer clear of posting signs on power poles.



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