



Power Lines

PUD Electric Rates are Not Increasing

Recent news stories have said that electricity rates in the Oregon will increase as much as 13%. **Your rates are not increasing.**

These stories are referring to the electric rates of PGE, Pacific Power and other investor-owned utilities. Since 2002 these companies have been receiving payments from BPA through the "Residential Exchange" program. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals recently ruled against the methodology used to calculate these payments, so BPA has suspended them.

See our website or next month's newsletter for more information on this issue.

Wind Power Creates a Cleaner Future

Sign up for a Choice Energy Wind Power Plan by July 15th - get a free ticket to the ShoeString Community Players' presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast

By choosing Choice Energy wind power you cast your vote for the development of more renewable energy resources, which will help reduce our reliance on power plants that burn fossil fuels to generate electricity.

Plans start at \$2 a month

There are two Choice Energy wind power plans available:

Columbia Waves: Buy 100 kWh "blocks" of wind power for \$2 each per month

Chinook Breeze: Buy all your electricity from wind farms for an additional 1.5¢ per kilowatt-hour per month.

Sign up today

To sign up for a Choice Energy wind power plan, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590, fill out and return the form on the back of this newsletter, or visit www.crpud.net.



Send your great shots in for the Calendar Photo Contest

Each year we produce a calendar for our customers that features scenic photographs taken in Columbia County.

To enter, this year's contest, send us your favorite photos by August 31st. Entry forms and complete

contest details are available at our office and can be downloaded from our website:

www.crpud.net/community.

For more information, contact Libby Calnon at lcalnon@crpud.org or (503) 366-3264.



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Sign up for Choice Energy, go see Beauty and the Beast!



Between now and July 15, when you sign up for Choice Energy wind power we'll give you a free ticket to the ShoeString Community Players' presentation of Disney's Beauty and the Beast.

This show is the original Broadway version of Beauty and the Beast with music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Howard Ashman & Bill Rice, book by Linda Woolverton. It is being produced by special arrangement with Music Theatre International.

Performances:

Olmscheid Auditorium in St. Helens
 July 12-14 and 19-21

\$10 adults • \$8 seniors & children

More information & online ticket reservations: www.sscpmusicals.com.

Sponsored by: Michael Curry Design • Columbia River PUD • Columbia County Cultural Coalition

Come visit us at the fair

The Columbia County Fair and Rodeo will be held July 18-22 at the fairgrounds in St. Helens. The PUD is sponsoring a few different events this year:

Wednesday is Senior Day, and we're sponsoring the **My Fair Lady Pageant**, which honors senior women from throughout the county for their volunteer service. The fair is offering free admission to seniors and the PUD is providing free transportation for seniors from each senior center in the county on that day.

Thursday is Kids Day. We're sponsoring the **Junior Rodeo and the Just for Fun Rodeo**. There are free events for kids age 9 & under and paid events for kids age 18 & under.

On Sunday the PUD is sponsoring the **Chili Cook-Off**. Enter your best pot of chili or come taste all the entries and vote for your favorite.

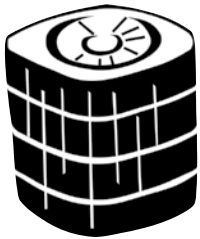
For more information about the fair, visit www.columbiacountyeventcomplex.com.



Heat Pumps offer year-round comfort & energy savings

A heat pump system is the most energy-efficient, cost effective way you can heat and cool your home. If you are planning to purchase a heating or cooling system, we encourage you to consider a heat pump system.

A heat pump provides both winter heating and summer cooling by moving heat from one place to another. In the summer, it acts as an air conditioner, removing heat from the air inside the house and transferring it outside. In the winter, the heat pump operates in reverse, removing heat from the outside air or ground, and transferring it inside the house.



Residential Programs & Services

Efficiency Programs

(503) 366-5470

Free Energy Evaluations

Appliance Rebates

Duct Sealing Rebates

ENERGY STAR® Manufactured Home Rebates

Energy Star® New Site-Built Homes

Heat Pump Rebates

Home Weatherization Rebates

Thermostat Rebates

Marathon® Water Heater Rebates

Wind Power Plans

(503) 397-0590

Chinook Breeze - 100% wind power.

Columbia Waves - \$2 blocks of wind power.

Payment Options

(503) 397-0590

Account Online - Online account access.

Always Current - E-billing, auto payment.

Budget Pay - Pay the same amount each month.

Pay Stations - Other places to pay your bill.

Power Pay - Automatic payment.

Heat pumps are highly efficient and can provide very low-cost heating and cooling for your home. They can also increase your home's value.

We offer rebates of up to \$1,300 and 6% financing on the installation of qualified heat pump systems.

Find out more

For more information, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org, or visit www.crpud.net.

Sign up for Choice Energy Wind Power

It's easy to buy wind power. Just fill out and return this form, call us at (503) 397-0590 or visit www.crpud.net. Your purchase will be added to your electric bill beginning with your next monthly statement. **Charges for Choice Energy Wind Power are in addition to your regular electric charges.**

Name: _____

PUD Customer Number: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Email: _____

Choice Energy Program Options:

Columbia Waves Plan - I want to purchase blocks of wind power.
_____ Number of 100 kWh blocks x \$2 each = \$_____ per month.

Chinook Breeze Plan - I want to purchase all my electricity from wind farms for an additional 1.5¢ per kilowatt-hour of electricity I use.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

