



Power Lines

Electric rates staying low

Recent news stories have said that electric rates in Oregon are increasing.

Your rates are not increasing.

Our last rate change was a 4.65% decrease that took effect last October. One of the reasons that our rates are low and stable is that 80% of the power we sell comes from the Columbia River Federal Hydropower System. Hydropower is a low cost, renewable resource.

We expect rates to stay the same through September 2009.

Scholarship Winners Announced

Each year the PUD awards Community Service Scholarships to graduating seniors from local high schools. This year's recipients were:

St. Helens:

Shawna Ashlock - \$1,500

Breaunna Duwadi - \$750

Scappoose:

Justin Wilson - \$1,500

Shyla Iverson - \$750

Rainier:

Eric Wellington - \$1,500

Nicole Bailey - \$750

South Columbia Learning Center:

Amanda Garcia - \$1,500

Tips for Beating the Summer Heat

Looking for relief from the summer heat? These tips will help you keep cool and comfortable while keeping energy costs to a minimum:

General Tips:

- Close drapes during the hottest times of the day to block heat out.
- Make sure your attic vents are clear and attic fans are functioning properly.
- Install awnings or plant shade trees or vines to shade south and east windows.
- Keep your house closed during daytime hours and ventilate it well at night.

Central Air Conditioning:

- If you're building a new home or considering changes to your central heating and cooling system, consider installing a heat pump. Heat pumps are the most cost-effective way you can heat and cool your home.
- Have a qualified contractor inspect and service your system to ensure it is operating efficiently.
- Check your filters monthly & clean or replace them as needed.



- Keep vents open & unobstructed.
- Have your duct system tested for leaks and repaired if necessary.

Window Air Conditioning:

- Buy a properly sized unit. Too small won't cool effectively; too large will use too much energy.
- Buy an ENERGY STAR qualified model.
- Use a fan with your air conditioner to help spread the cool air throughout the house.

For more information:

For more energy saving tips, call our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or visit www.crpud.net.



24 Hour Outage & Emergency Hot Line: (503) 397-1844 • Email: info@crpud.org
 Website: www.crpud.net • Business Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday

These local businesses made a great Choice!

Supporting renewable energy is an investment in our future. By purchasing Choice Energy wind power, these local businesses are distinguishing themselves as environmental leaders, reducing pollution and supporting economic development in Oregon.

When you visit these businesses, please thank them for choosing Choice Energy!



CHOICE ENERGY

Choice Energy Business Partners:

- Burgerville
- Columbia Veterinary Clinic
- RainShadow Laboratories
- St. Helens Bowenwork Clinic
- St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union
- Scappoose Bay Kayaking
- Scappoose Bay Watershed Council
- Sommers Financial Management



Let us trim trees growing near overhead service lines

If your home is connected to the PUD's electricity distribution system by an overhead wire (called a service line), please check periodically to ensure that trees are not growing into the path of the wire.

When trees become a problem

Tree limbs that occasionally brush a service line won't damage it. But a tree limb or trunk that is pushing a service line out of its normal path should be trimmed or removed. This kind of interference can damage the electrical equipment in your home, or cause an outage for you and your neighbors.

When it's time for a trim

If you see trees growing into your service line, please let us know. We will inspect your service and trim or remove trees that are growing too close.

Let us do the work!

Never trim trees that are growing near your service line; doing so puts you at risk for deadly electrical shock. To request trimming, call (503) 397-1844 and provide your name, service address, phone number and a description of the work that needs to be completed. You may also make your request through our website. Visit www.crpud.net and click on "For Your Home".



Tree crews work year-round to maintain clearance between PUD power lines and nearby trees and shrubs.

It's home improvement time again!

Summer is a popular time of year for home improvement projects. It's also a great time to upgrade your heating and cooling system and to weatherize your home. If you're thinking about tackling one of these projects, you should consider doing both!

We have rebates for heat pump systems, insulation upgrades, window replacement, duct sealing and more. You may even be able to finance



your improvements with a 6% fixed rate loan that's available to qualified customers through St. Helens Community Federal Credit Union or Wauna Federal Credit Union.

Contact our Energy Experts at experts@crpud.org or (503) 366-5470 or visit www.crpud.net to learn more.

Automatic Payment with Always Current

The Always Current Payment Plan makes bill paying a snap. Your bill is delivered by email and your payment is automatically deducted from your bank account.

To sign up, visit www.crpud.net or call (503) 397-0590 to request an enrollment form.

2006 Annual Report Now Available

The PUD's 2006 Annual Report is available online at www.crpud.net. If you would like a printed copy, please call (503) 397-1844.

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: _____

