



Power Lines

A monthly newsletter from Columbia River People's Utility District

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Ductless Heat Pumps

Heat & cool your home - for less!

Quiet, easy to use and energy efficient, ductless heat pumps provide home heating & cooling at a fraction of the cost of electric baseboard and wall heaters. Their simple installation and energy savings make them an excellent option for replacing existing zonal heating systems.



The indoor head of a ductless system sits unobtrusively above the window.

What is a Ductless Heat Pump?

A ductless system consists of an outside unit and one or more inside "heads" that serve zones in your home. Ductless heat pumps heat rooms evenly in the winter and provide air conditioning in the summer.

\$1,500 Rebate for Qualified Customers

Now through September, we're offering a \$1,500 rebate for ductless systems that are installed in qualified homes that have an existing electric heat system. For complete eligibility requirements, visit www.crpud.net or contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.

To learn more about ductless heat pump systems, visit www.goingductless.com.

Go Green - Buy Choice Energy Wind Power

We have wind power plans starting at just \$2 a month!

Buying wind power helps reduce air pollution and supports the development of renewable energy resources. Through our Choice Energy program, you can buy wind power for all or part of the electricity you use.



When you buy Choice Energy Wind Power from the PUD, the money you spend is used to purchase wind power generated at three wind farms in Eastern Oregon. That power is sent into the electricity distribution system that serves the region.

Choice Energy Plans

Columbia Waves - Purchase 100 kilowatt-hour (kWh) "blocks" of wind power for \$2 each per month.

Chinook Breeze - Buy 100% wind power for an additional 1.5¢ per kWh per month. (\$15 more for a residential customer using 1,000 kWh of electricity.)

Learn More

To learn more about Choice Energy Wind Power or to sign up for a Choice Energy plan, call Customer Accounts at (503) 397-0590 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

Sign up for Choice Energy Wind Power

To sign up for Choice Energy, 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: _____



CHOICE ENERGY
Your Energy. Your Choice.

Planning to build? Learn about ENERGY STAR Homes

If you're planning to build a new home, ask our Energy Experts about the ENERGY STAR® new home program.

Building an ENERGY STAR qualified home makes it simple to build the house of your dreams and enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing your home is up to 15% more efficient than homes built to state code.

To learn more about ENERGY STAR homes, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org, or visit www.crpud.net.



These contractors build ENERGY STAR qualified homes in our area:

Bill Amos General Contractor - (503) 397-4822

Caffall Construction - (503) 577-6970

Ekstrom Construction - (503) 998-9270

Jim Rensch Construction - (503) 397-3722

Michael Gentry Construction - (971) 230-4055

Portrait Homes Northwest - (503) 680-5637

Re-Storegon - (503) 556-0882

Rich Bailey Construction - (503) 397-3783

Rick Waters Custom Builders - (503) 543-3586

Semling Construction - (503) 397-1809

Stone Builders - (503) 998-8381

Benefits of ENERGY STAR Homes

Even temperatures from room to room. Well-sealed duct systems reduce air leaks and help maintain even room temperatures.

Performance tested. Before receiving the ENERGY STAR label, the home's high-efficiency heating and cooling systems are inspected to verify proper installation for best performance.

Warm water for less. High-efficiency water heaters have extra insulation to keep water in the tank hotter, longer.



Clean savings. ENERGY STAR qualified dishwashers save 1,000 gallons of water a year.

Bright ideas for every room. ENERGY STAR qualified lighting uses up to 75% less energy.

A welcome view. ENERGY STAR qualified windows reduce heat flow for greater comfort and lower energy costs. Some brands even provide fade protection from the sun for furniture, carpet and drapes.

Warmth and quiet. Increased insulation, properly installed, creates a living environment that's quiet and comfortable.

Peace of mind. That's what you get when you purchase a home that has earned the ENERGY STAR. Peace of mind in knowing that you own a home that has been performance tested and inspected to confirm that the strict requirements of ENERGY STAR have been met.

GLOW Book Sale

April 1 - 30, 2009

At the PUD Office
8-5, Monday-Friday
Proceeds benefit the
Neighbor's GLOW Fund,
which provides emergency
bill payment assistance
to PUD customers.



Choose an ENERGY STAR qualified Manufactured Home

If you're in the market for a new manufactured home, choose one with the ENERGY STAR® certification. ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes provide unsurpassed comfort and energy efficiency, and can save up to 30% on heating bills.

We offer \$700 rebates for new, electrically heated ENERGY STAR qualified manufactured homes. For a list of local dealers, contact our Energy Experts at (503) 366-5470 or experts@crpud.org.

Benefits of ENERGY STAR manufactured homes:

- More insulation in ceilings, walls and floors
- Better windows and doors
- A specially designed - and quiet - indoor ventilation system
- Better-sealed heating ducts
- Reduced drafts

