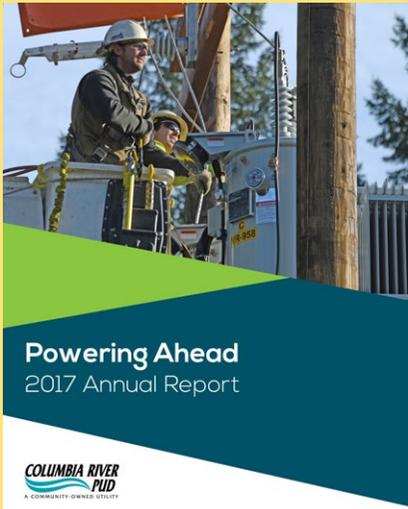


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See Us at the Fair

Visit our booth at the 2018 Columbia County Fair. We're handing out free LED bulbs to our customers at the fair, July 18-21.



2017 PUD Annual Report Now Available

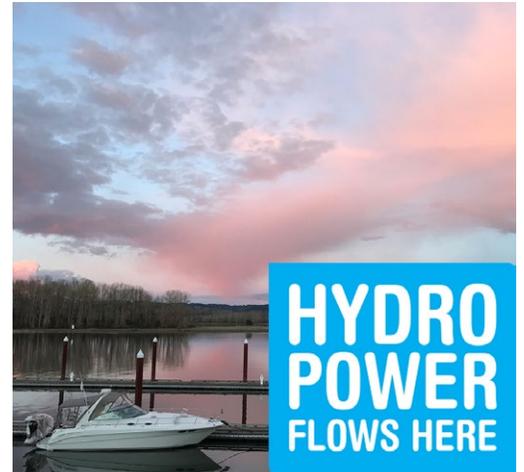
Our 2017 Annual Report, **Powering Ahead**, is now available. View it on our website at cruptd.net/2017report.

Northwest Hydroelectric Dams Keep Power Flowing at Low Costs

The Columbia River Basin produces more hydropower than any other river system in North America. Because hydropower costs less than most energy sources, we have lower energy bills than the rest of the country.

About 85% of the electricity in your home comes from hydroelectric dams. Because the Columbia River is always flowing, that power is always there. That reliability allows hydropower to serve as a backup to other renewable energy sources, like wind and solar power.

You can read more about the benefits of hydropower at cruptd.net/hydro.



Efficiency Services Group Providing Energy Services and Rebate Programs

For several years, we've had a little help from the energy experts at **Efficiency Services Group (ESG)** in providing energy efficiency services to our customers. We've now formally made ESG a part of our team to help run our residential and commercial rebate programs.

ESG provides similar services for about a dozen utilities in Oregon. They've done a great job in working with our customers in the past. This change will ensure we can continue to provide energy efficiency services and rebates in a cost-effective manner.

If you are interested in making energy efficiency upgrades to your home or business, please contact Efficiency Services Group at **(888) 883-9879** or rebates@esgroup.com.



GLOW Team members Rachel Swanson and Debbie Wanke display the quilt donated by the Columbia River Piecemakers Quilting Guild.

Enter GLOW Raffle to Win Quilt

You have the chance to win a beautiful, handmade quilt while simultaneously helping low-income PUD customers. The Columbia River Piecemakers Quilting Guild donated a queen-sized quilt valued at \$1,500 to be raffled. All proceeds from the quilt raffle will go to our GLOW fund, which provides emergency payment assistance to low-income customers.

Raffle tickets are available at our office. They are \$1 each, or 6 for \$5. The winning ticket will be drawn in October.

Support Wind Power Every Month

You can help with the development of new renewable energy resources in our region.

We provide customers the option of purchasing 100% wind power.

If you would like to support new renewable energy options in the Pacific Northwest, you can learn how at crpud.net/wind.



5 Easy Ways to Save Money this Summer

- 1. Block the heat.** On hot days, keep windows, doors, and curtains closed to keep cool air in and the hot sun out. Open them when it cools to let breezes through.
- 2. Keep your cooling thermostat set around 78 degrees.** The higher it's set, the more energy you will save.
- 3. Use fans instead of air conditioning.** Fans can make you feel up to five degrees cooler, and they use less energy than air conditioners do.
- 4. Cook more meals in microwaves or BBQs instead of stoves.** They heat only the food, rather than your whole kitchen.
- 5. Dry laundry on a clothesline.** Your house will stay cooler and your energy bills will be lower.

Find more suggestions for summer savings at crpud.net/staycool.



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