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Ed Brost Bids Farewell

General Manager Retiring this Spring



Change is inevitable. And more changes are soon to come. I will be retiring from my position as General Manager of Franklin PUD later this spring. Yet as I reflect back on the changes that have happened

during my tenure, it's just a glimpse of what is to come in the electric industry. The nation's electricity supply is being stretched beyond its capability to meet growing demand. Franklin PUD will continue to look positively at opportunities to support more conservation, distributed generation, nuclear, and to expand the use of hydropower as the greenest, cleanest fuel source available, all which contribute to carbon reduction.

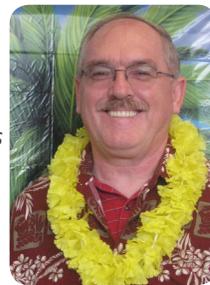
When I assumed the responsibilities as Franklin PUD's General Manager in 2008, I met with employees and explained my vision for the District which included three primary focus areas: rates, reliability, and relationships. Low, stable rates; high reliability of both our distribution and information systems; and strong, supportive internal and external relationships are critical to providing quality customer service. All are part and parcel to the two basic tenants of public power: local control and cost-based rates.

Public power is a model for accountability and remains such because of our connections with the people we serve and our unequivocal

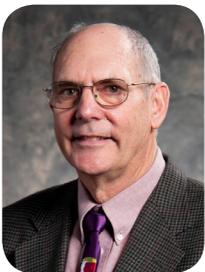
commitment to the protection of our customers' interests and to the environment in which we are blessed to live. Two issues that are causing some tension between our customers and the environment are climate change and renewable energy development. Both issues are the subject of federal and state legislation and regulations. Decisions by state and federal officials are impacting your pocketbooks and negatively impacting our power system.

The coming years offer no signs of slowing down. As I pass the baton to the new General Manager, Franklin PUD staff are well prepared and will continue to take on all challenges and to advocate on behalf of our customers for access to a reliable, affordable power supply that fuels our economy while keeping our earth clean. Commissioners and staff will continue to keep our customers first as we face the growing challenges to supplying low-cost, reliable power in a manner that supports sound business practices and the environment. With your help, your PUD will meet those challenges and will assure a future where "The Power is Yours".

Staff and Commissioners wish him all the best. We're not sure, but it looks like he's ready to take it easy in some tropical setting.



Commissioner Gordon Re-Elected To Energy Northwest Board of Directors



Public utility leaders from across Washington State re-elected Commissioner Bill Gordon of Franklin Public Utility District on January 29, 2015 to serve as secretary on Energy Northwest's Board of Directors for a two-year term. The public power

agency's 27-member board of directors represents the 22 public utility districts and five municipal utilities that make up Energy Northwest. The board of directors has sole authority to authorize and terminate projects.

Franklin PUD commissioners appointed Gordon to the Energy Northwest Board of Directors in 2004, and the EN board elected him assistant secretary in 2007, a position he held through January 2011. He first began serving as the agency's board secretary in 2011. He also served on the Energy Northwest Executive Board from 2006 to 2010.

He has served as a Franklin PUD commissioner since 2003 and brings a rich business background to his position.

"I'm proud to be a part of this successful

organization that benefits public power throughout the state," said Bill Gordon. "I look forward to the achievements ahead and to continue being a part of leading the board of directors."

In addition, Gordon was sworn in by Steve Palmer, Franklin PUD's General Counsel on Monday January 12, 2015 for his third term as Franklin PUD Commissioner. This is a six-year term through 2020.



Confused By Electrical Terminology?

Improve your understanding of electricity by learning what the terms mean:

Alternating Current (AC) - a flow of electricity through a conductor that continuously reverses its direction of flow. Nearly all electricity generated in the U.S. is AC, as opposed to direct current (DC) which flows in one direction only.

Ampere (amp) - a measure of how much electricity is moving through a conductor. Amperes equal watts divided by volts. A 1,000 watt heater at 120 volts draws 8.33 amps.

Capacity - the potential for generating power at a power plant, measured in kilowatts, and the electric load of a piece of equipment, measured in watts.

Circuit - a conductor, such as wire, through which electric currents flows, and the path that current takes from the power source to the device using the power and then back to the source.

Commissioner's Corner

Governor's Proposed Cap and Trade



Roger Wright
2015 Vice President

There is another climate change and cap and trade debate that is taking shape statewide. This debate is over taxing greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide. There are few things that we all value more than the natural beauty of our state; our mountains, forests, rivers and the ocean sustain much of what we hold dear, like abundant fish and wildlife, clean water and outdoor recreation, and most importantly clean air.

Protecting our environment requires a commitment from all of us. When it comes to reducing greenhouse gases and adapting to clean energy, Washington is leading the pack. We now have the 6th cleanest state economy in the country. And we have the highest number of electric vehicle charging stations per capita in the country, including one at our Administration building.

Governor Inslee has introduced two companion bills, HB1314 in the House and SB5283 in the Senate. The bills establish a market-based greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions program to be implemented by the

Department of Ecology. Revenues generated by controlling the emissions of greenhouse gases are to be used for transportation projects and distributed to the State General Fund, among other uses.

We share Governor Inslee's desire to protect our environment. But whether it is a cap and trade proposal or carbon tax, it will likely create a complicated, government-run financial program to regulate carbon emissions that will do little to actually improve the environment. While we all want clean air, the current proposal will do very little other than to cost the electric ratepayers of Washington State more for electricity. And it's not just power generation on the list of potential companies to be taxed, 6 of the top 100 companies impacted by this legislation are potato processors. We are talking about industries and companies that are already equipped with current pollution emission measures.

We look forward to an open dialogue with the Governor so our customers can understand the difference between this government-run wealth redistribution approach and a more cooperative government/industry approach that has already produced great results for our environment in Washington State.

Spring Home Improvement Tips

It's the perfect time to start preparing your home for spring. A few small improvements can help your home's efficiency. Here are some simple tips and DIY projects to get you started.

- Open crawlspace vents and allow your crawlspace to ventilate over the summer.
- It's a good time to consider having your HVAC system serviced and the filters replaced. Furnace and heat pump filters should be checked monthly and replaced as needed. Furnaces with AC and heat pumps should be serviced regularly - at least every 3 to 5 years.
- Most of the energy used on a standard incandescent light bulb is wasted heat,

not light. Think about changing your bulbs to LED bulbs.

- Shade can make a big difference when it comes to keeping your home cool. Plant a tree on the south side of your house or a tall shrub on the west side to keep the sun from hitting your house and windows.
- Have the insulation and ventilation in your attic checked.

Franklin PUD's Energy Services department offers rebates and advice on many of the topics described above. For more information or to schedule an energy audit call 509-546-5967.

Where to Buy LED's for Less

LED light bulbs are now available at local retailers for a lower price as part of a buy down program that Franklin PUD participates in with Bonneville Power Administration.

Here's a list of participating retailers:

Costco Wholesale
8505 West Gage Blvd, Kennewick

Fred Meyer
2811 W 10th Avenue, Kennewick
101 Wellsian Way, Richland

Home Depot
3910 W 27th Ave, Kennewick
2855 Duportail Street, Richland

Lowe's Home Improvement
N 1020 Colorado Street, Kennewick
4520 Road 68, Pasco

Walmart
2720 South Quillan Street, Kennewick
4820 North Road 68, Pasco
2801 Duportail Street, Richland



voluntary option to customers, is mandated by the State of Washington through RCW 19.29A.090.

The amount you pay is above and beyond what you already pay for renewable energy already included in Franklin PUD rates.

For more information on this program, visit our website at www.franklinpud.com/conservation/generationgreen.



Franklin PUD offers Generation Green, a "green power" program to give our customers an opportunity to purchase renewable energy generated from qualified alternative energy resources. This program, which provides a

Don't Forget Spring Ahead
Daylight saving time begins Sunday, March 8, 2015



See You at the Races!
Come cheer on the locals at the Electrathon America Race held at CBC on Saturday, April 25. The curriculum based program for high school students enables them to design, build, and race an electric vehicle, while learning concepts of engineering, design, math, and aerodynamics. Races begin at 9:00 a.m.



April is Earth Month
National Earth Day is April 22, but in the Tri-Cities it is celebrated for an entire month with educational activities, tours, talks, crafts, projects, and special events!
Visit www.gogreentricities.org for a list of events and ideas to get you started on living an environmentally friendly life. What will you do this Earth Month?

Fuel Mix Disclosure

Generation Type	% of Total Generation	
	WA State	Actual
Biomass	0.05%	
Coal	1.21%	
Hydro	86.88%	77.78%
Market Purchases		6.22%
Natural Gas	1.43%	3.56%
Nuclear	9.97%	8.88%
Petroleum	0.01%	
Waste	0.02%	
Wind	0.43%	3.53%
Other		0.03%
Total	100%	100%

Source: WA State Dept. of Commerce Utility Fuel Mix Report for 2013 for WA State. Franklin PUD's actual generation is also shown for 2013.

