

Hotline

Clean Energy Transformation Act What does this mean for you?

The clean energy bill passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor guides the state toward a 100% carbon free electricity grid, but its intended outcomes can easily be derailed if the law is not carried out in the spirit in which it was developed.

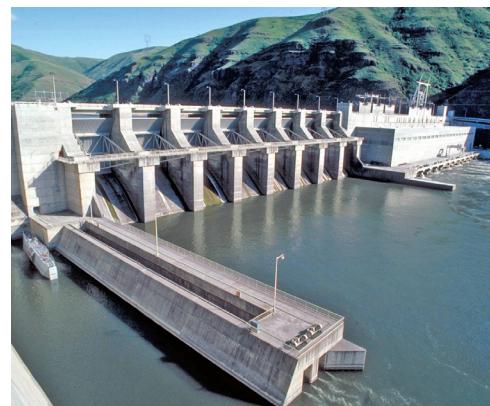
Washington's Department of Commerce held two workshops on the new law now known as the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in late July and early August.

Many public utility districts, including Franklin PUD, were engaged throughout the bill process. The challenge in developing the law was creating a path for carbon reduction without undermining the reliability of the grid or imposing an undo financial burden on the citizens, businesses and industries of Washington, especially those least able to pay escalating costs.

An important key to meeting this challenge was recognition of the critical role our state's most abundant renewable resource, hydropower, will play in our pathway to a 100% clean grid. Hydropower is a zero-emission resource and without it the goals set forth in the law could not be met.

Hydropower currently makes up 68% of the electricity that powers Washington. It is the reason Washington already has some of the cleanest electricity at some of the lowest rates in the nation. As we look to a 100% clean energy future, hydropower will be a work horse in our clean energy resource mix.

It is necessary to keep the "lights on" when energy needs peak, such as during the prolonged cold snap that occurred early this



year. Hydropower fills the gaps when the wind doesn't blow or at night. It throttles up or down in response to variations in renewable generation due to conditions such as wind gusts or clouds, or to match daily peaks and valleys in energy use. Hydropower is nimble, it ramps up and down within minutes or even seconds to keep the electric grid in balance preventing brown outs. Hydropower is both dependable and predictable (able to meet energy needs 24/7), and it is a relatively low-cost renewable energy resource.

As state agencies begin making the rules for the new law, it's more important than ever to make sure the foundation on which the law is built, including recognition of the value of preserving and maximizing our existing hydropower resources, guides our actions. Franklin PUD is looking forward to ensure execution of the new law reflects the good faith work that went into its development. Our 100% clean energy future depends on it.



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Sign up to RoundUp today!

If you choose to enroll in RoundUp, your bill will be rounded up to the next nearest dollar each month. For example, if your bill is \$62.38, it will be rounded up to \$63.00. The extra 62 cents will go to Franklin PUD's Helping Hands Program which helps qualified individuals in need within our service territory pay their electric bill.

You can RoundUp no matter which payment option you choose - online, by mail, or in person.

You can enroll in the RoundUp program by:

- Checking the RoundUp box on your payment stub
- Signing-in to your SmartHub account and enrolling
- Calling our Customer Service Department at 509-547-5591

Please consider giving your extra change to help make a difference in our community.

Washington State Legislators Tour Ice Harbor Dam

On August 1st, just over 85 people, including approximately 45 state legislators toured Ice Harbor Dam. This dam, along with the other three Snake River dams, are a crucial economic engine of the Northwest. Legislators boarded a boat at Clover Island and were on board to hear presentations from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Bonneville Power Administration, NOAA Fisheries and the Grain Growers and Irrigators. Topics covered management of the Snake River system and dams, water and clean energy production, west coast salmon recovery and orca health, as well as the future strength of rural economies.

You're invited... Winter Weatherization Workshop

Reserve your space for Franklin PUD's Winter Weatherization Workshop. Spend the evening learning how to get your home ready for the cold winter months. Our energy efficiency experts will be on hand to answer questions and guide you towards the right products to make your home as comfortable and energy efficient as possible. Weatherization kits will be given out to Franklin PUD customers at the workshop. One per household.



Please **RSVP online** by going to www.franklinpud.com, and clicking on **Energy Services**, or come in to the Franklin PUD administration building and sign up in the Energy Services Dept. Space is limited to the first 75 Franklin PUD customers.

Wednesday, November 6, 2019
Connell Community Center
211 E. Elm Street, Connell
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Thursday, November 7, 2019
Franklin PUD Auditorium
1411 W. Clark Street, Pasco
5:30pm - 7:00pm

Friday, November 8, 2019*
Franklin PUD Auditorium
1411 W. Clark Street, Pasco
5:30pm - 7:00pm
**Presented in Spanish only*

BPA Rates Stabilized



Bill Gordon
2019 V. President

Franklin PUD buys approximately 85% of our power from Bonneville Power Administration (BPA). That's a lot of eggs in one basket. Our staff works closely with BPA and the Portland-based Public Power Council to monitor and review what BPA proposes for their rates every two years.

In late July, BPA released its next two-year budget which did not include a rate increase for their power costs. There is a possibility of a 1.5% charge that will happen if BPA's financial reserves dip too low. BPA's new rates will go into effect on October 1, 2019 and will include an average increase of 3.6% to transmission rates.

Our message to BPA has remained strong and

consistent. We want them to be the provider of choice for public power now and after 2028 when our contract expires, but only if they are able to stabilize their rates.

In early 2018, BPA formally adopted a new strategic plan with an emphasis on strengthening financial health, modernizing assets, providing competitive products, and increased responsiveness to customer needs. To their credit, BPA has reduced its program budgets for the upcoming two-year period by \$66 million. We will continue to work with BPA to help them keep rates stable so we can in turn provide you with safe, reliable power at the lowest possible cost.

Although much more remains to be done, this two-year rate period cycle represents a substantial step towards changing BPA's cost and rate trajectory. It proves that the unified voice of public power can affect real results. Franklin PUD is committed to preserving the value of the clean, renewable resources of the Federal Columbia River Power System for our customers.

Celebrating Public Power Week with Safety Demonstrations at the Energy Experience

Public power utilities across the U.S. celebrate Public Power Week during the first full week of October every year to help customers understand how they can better engage with their community-owned utility like Franklin PUD and benefit from all of our offerings. This year October 6th through October 12th is designated as Public Power Week and all sorts of activities will take place.

Something our linemen learn at the beginning of their careers is safety first. And that's the message they'll be taking over to the REACH on Tuesday, October 8, 2019. They will demonstrate the power of electricity for the 4th annual Energy Experience being held during Public Power Week. Our linemen will be showcasing the power of electricity by showing 8th grade students how to work safely around electricity. They will demonstrate the proper equipment they use when restoring power during outages and everyday maintenance on the electric system.

The linemen will use a specially constructed safety trailer to show the impact contact



with an energized power line can have. Franklin PUD linemen will be there to answer questions regarding electrical safety, other potential hazards, and talk to the students about Public Power Week and careers in the utility industry.

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, go to our website at www.franklinpud.com/index.php/energy-efficiency/generation-green/.



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 **voluntary option** to customers, is mandated



Automated Calling for Past Due Accounts

Franklin PUD's automated calling system notifies you if your account is subject to disconnection due to non-payment. Calls will be placed to the phone number on record between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

If you receive a call about a past due balance, please call our office to make a payment or payment arrangements at 509-547-5591 or 1-800-638-7701, during regular business hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Our Customer Service Representatives are always ready to help.

Use SmartHub to Manage Your Account

We have an app!

To make it as easy as possible to get up to date information about your electric bill, we offer SmartHub, an online account management system where you can make payments, check your account balance and due dates, and request account changes. SmartHub also allows you to view your usage and billing history.

Setting up a SmartHub account is easy. Just go to www.franklinpud.com and click on the "New User/Register to Use SmartHub" link located at the bottom of the SmartHub log in box.

We also have an app! Go to your device app store and search for the SmartHub app. Choose Franklin PUD as your provider and enjoy the ease of having up to date information any time, anywhere.

Fuel Mix Disclosure

A report of where your power comes from.

Generation Type % of Total Generation

COAL	-
HYDRO	85%
NATURAL GAS	5%
NUCLEAR	8%
OTHER	2%

TOTAL

100%

OTHER may include, but not limited to: Biomass generation; geothermal generation; landfill gas generation; oil generation; solar generation; waste incineration; or wind generation.

*Source: WA State 2017 Fuel Mix Disclosure Report, WA State Dept. of Commerce

