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GROUNDBREAKING FOR BUILDING REMODEL AND EXPANSION

Franklin PUD will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony:

When: Tuesday, March 31, 2009

10:00 a.m.

Where: 1411 W. Clark Street, Pasco, front parking lot

Franklin PUD is undergoing an expansion and renovation project for the administration building located at 1411 W. Clark in Pasco. The building was originally built in 1957. The building is in need of an expansion due to growth in the District as well as to increase energy efficiency. Franklin PUD has grown from 71 employees and approximately 16,000 customers in 2003 to just over 100 employees and approximately 22,000 customers today. Franklin PUD needs an efficient customer service area to better serve the increased customer volume in Franklin County and our service District in addition to energy efficient and effective office space for employees. With the new expansion and renovation, Franklin PUD is displaying leadership in the community by integrating active and passive solar considerations into the building design while pursuing a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification.

- On March 10, 2009 the Franklin PUD Board of Commissioners awarded the contract for the building expansion and renovation to Zeigler Construction, the lowest responsive bidder, and authorized the General Manager to execute a contract in an amount not to exceed \$2,733,789.
- Franklin PUD has reserve funds and bond proceeds to finance this remodel and expansion.
- The Board of Commissioners decided to renovate and expand the current District administration building versus buying land and building elsewhere which would have been more than triple the cost. By staying in our current location in downtown Pasco, Franklin PUD remains a vital and strategic partner with the City, the Pasco School District, the Pasco Chamber of Commerce, the Port of Pasco, and our customers.

Energy efficiency measures for the remodel and expansion include:

- LEED certified level to provide environmental benefit to our region
- New insulation and stucco exterior for the entire building
 - this adds an R7 to R11 insulation value to the exterior wall
- Integrating active and passive solar panels
 - includes 39 solar panels
 - solar modules will have dual functions for the building; rather than hang modules on the roof, we will shade windows with solar awnings
 - replace standard store front glazing with solar modules to allow for natural lighting without overheating interior spaces, thereby reducing cooling loads
 - The building design showcases some of the first 'Made in Washington' solar modules
- New double pane windows throughout the building
- The LEED program is a Green Building Rating System™ that encourages and accelerates global adoption of sustainable green building and development practices through the creation and implementation of universally understood and accepted tools and performance criteria.

Franklin PUD has a long track record of success that shows the kind of good stewardship people expect from a public utility. We believe in public investment in public power and we will help create green jobs and a sustainable, renewable environment for the State of Washington and our local community.