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Franklin PUD Board of Commissioners Approve 4% Rate Decrease!

At the March 11, 2008 board meeting, the Franklin PUD Commissioners agreed to lower rates effective May 1, 2008. The rate decrease provides a 4% overall reduction, affecting each rate class differently. This will enable each rate class to be equitably charged for their energy consumption.

A cost of service study was conducted by *Economic & Financial Strategies*, an independent firm, to look at

each rate class and their specific allocation of charges.

Once completed, the Rate Advisory Committee was presented with the results. This committee is comprised of customers from each rate class including residential, general service, irrigation and industrial customers.

The committee's purpose was to provide feedback and input on the cost of service study results and to present their recommendations

to the Board of Commissioners.

Larry Mayfield, Pasco School District, delivered the committee's recommendation to lower the District's rates by 4%. Mayfield stated, "*The general consensus of the Rate Advisory Committee was to lower rates as much as possible, while ensuring stability with future rates.*"

This rate decrease ensures that all rate classes are being equitably charged for their energy.

New Rate Schedule by Class - Effective May 1, 2008

CLASS	RATES AS OF 05/01/08		
	BASIC	ENERGY	DEMAND
RESIDENTIAL			
Single Phase	\$11.45	\$0.0731	
Three Phase	\$19.77	\$0.0731	
SMALL GENERAL			
Metered	\$23.26	\$0.0686	
Unmetered	\$23.26	\$0.0686	
MEDIUM GENERAL			
Meter & Unmetered	\$44.96		\$7.15
Apr-Aug		\$0.0316	
Sep-March		\$0.0399	
LARGE GENERAL			
Meter & Unmetered	\$161.78		\$7.31
Apr-Aug		\$0.0307	
Sep-March		\$0.0383	
INDUSTRIAL			
Metered	\$421.68		\$7.51
Apr-Aug		\$0.0315	
Sep-March		\$0.0396	
SM. IRRIGATION			
Basic HP Fee Mar-Oct	\$0.00		Horsepower \$4.17
Apr-Aug		\$0.0259	
Sep-March		\$0.0425	
LG. IRRIGATION			
Metered	\$0.00		\$8.43
Apr-Aug		\$0.0271	
Fall Sep.-Oct		\$0.0371	
Nov-Mar		\$0.0448	

In addition, you will also begin receiving a 3% Residential Exchange credit effective May 1st.

Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) has made a reimbursement to Franklin PUD for overpayments collected from us for several years.

This credit, a 3% reduction, will be applied to all customers' monthly bills. We anticipate this credit to last for the next 12 months.

The Commissioners' goal is to give customers back as much money as possible. This initial payment is viewed as a positive step in the right direction.

Summer Conservation Tip

Plant shade trees on the west and south sides of your house. Use trees that loose their leaves in winter so you can benefit from solar gain through those windows. For more energy saving tips, visit www.franklinpud.com.

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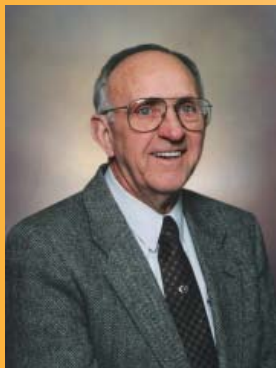
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Important Dates To Remember



We are pleased with the results of the recent rate cost of service study and the recommendations made by our Rate Advisory Committee to the Board of Commissioners to lower rates by 4%.

The findings were positive and we are supportive of their recommendations. Starting May 1, 2008 the rate reductions will be implemented.

This rate reduction will be applied differently to the seven rate classes based upon the results of the cost of service study.

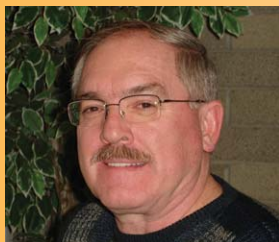
The rate reductions will be applied in a manner to keep all rate classes aligned properly within acceptable values.

Franklin PUD staff work diligently to keep costs as low as possible and it thrills me to be in a position where we can charge customers a little less each month.

This is a big step in the right direction and we will continue to look for cost savings to pass along to our customers.

- May 3 Cinco de Mayo Parade
- May 5-9 National Electrical Safety Week
- May 5-9 National Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 11 Mother's Day
- May 12 Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Red Lion
- May 14 IT Day, Three Rivers Convention Center
- May 26 Memorial Day
PUD Offices Closed
- May 27 Board Meeting
- June 10 Board Meeting
- June 15 Father's Day

*Ed Brost
Named
Interim
Manager
Effective
May 1, 2008*



Franklin PUD Board of Commissioners, at its regular board meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008, named Ed Brost to the position of Interim Manager.

Brost, currently the PUD's Assistant Manager and Director of Power Management, will assume the new role on May 1st to coincide with the retirement of Franklin PUD Manager, Jean Ryckman.

Brost joined Franklin PUD in November 2006 offering extensive years of experience in the marketing and sales of power services for Bonneville Power Administration. He has also held positions as auditor for the Air Force Audit Agency, the Department of Energy and the Tennessee Valley Authority Inspector General's office.

A graduate from the University of North Dakota with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Brost earned a Master's degree in Contracting and Acquisitions from the Air Force Institute of Technology. He is also a registered CPA.



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Provide Your Feedback through online Customer Service and Communications Surveys

Your comments are important to us and we greatly appreciate those who responded to the surveys included in your bills rating our Customer Service and Communication methods.

For those who were unable to respond, it's not too late. The surveys have been posted on our website and can be filled out electronically in a matter of minutes.



Please visit our website; under "WHO WE ARE" select "Contact Us". There you will find links to the current surveys.

Your comments and suggestions are used to help determine where Franklin PUD can make improvements to our services and where we are meeting, and hopefully exceeding, your needs.

Please take a few minutes to let us know how we are doing.

Blanton Road Substation Dedication Ceremony – Powering the Growth

On March 25, 2008 the new Blanton Road Substation in Connell was dedicated to a group of over 30 attendees despite predictions of rain and snow showers.

Representative Steve Hailey, Representative Joe Schmick both of the 9th District, and Franklin PUD Commissioner, Chuck Hall took part in the ceremony.



Jean Ryckman, PUD Manager, Representative Steve Hailey, PUD Commissioner Chuck Hall, and Representative Joe Schmick.

The substation, which was energized April 14th, will provide power for the new Coyote Ridge Correctional Center and the growing needs in the cities of Connell, Kahlotus and WindDust.

The dedication ceremony presented a unique opportunity for the general public to tour a substation at a time when no electricity was flowing.

Once energized, access to the area is limited to only qualified Franklin PUD staff.

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