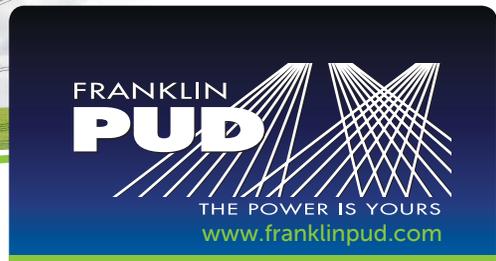


Hotline



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Sign-up to RoundUp

Help our community by enrolling in our new RoundUp program



RoundUp is a new program that makes it easier than ever to donate to our Helping Hands program.

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 into your SmartHub account and enrolling
- Calling our Customer Service Department at 509-547-5591

We hope you consider giving your extra change to help make a difference in our community.

All Helping Hands funds are administered by Community Action Connections located in Pasco.

Working for You

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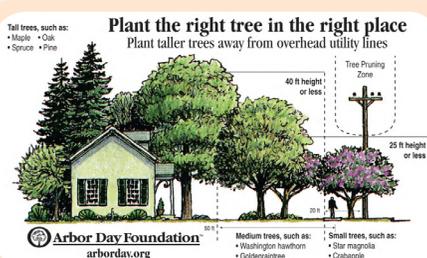
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
EAST END OF COLUMBIA PARK

Businesses and community organizations have joined together to host RiverFest 2018. This is a free, fun, educational family event featuring exhibitors, vendors and

entertainment to showcase all the benefits of the Federal Columbia River Power System and highlight the four lower Snake River dams. This will include interactive displays highlighting navigation, irrigation, recreation and power on our rivers. Kids and adults alike will have fun while learning about the positive aspects of our river system.

The event kicks off at 11:00 a.m. at the stage near the Lampson Pits with opening remarks from our invited guest, Congressman Dan Newhouse. Our local Master Singers will lead with the national anthem, followed by a special performance by the local Boys and Girls Club Drum Line who took a world championship award. They will lead the crowd to the exhibits. **Come join the fun!**

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How to Keep Your Trees Utility Friendly

- Avoid planting trees on underground utilities or too close to equipment like transformers or vaults.
- When planting trees under utility wires, be sure they do not grow more than 25 feet tall when fully mature.
- Consult Franklin PUD for planting guidelines. We have new books that just arrived offering suggestions for types of trees to plant in our region. See our Customer Service Representatives for a copy.
- For more information on planting the right tree in the right place, check out www.arborday.org or the Mid-Columbia Community Forestry Council at www.trees4you.org.

Plenty of Spill at the Dams this Year

Have you noticed all the water that has been flowing through the dams this year? In April 2018, additional spill began at the eight federal dams located in the lower Snake and Columbia Rivers diverting water away from turbines that produce electricity. The "spill test" was ordered by U.S. Judge Michael Simon out of concern that not enough is being done to protect endangered fish in the Columbia and Snake hydroelectric dams.



For many years, the dams have been managed under standards set by the "Biological Opinion" (BiOp), a plan developed by our nation's top environmental scientists. The 2014 BiOp was deemed insufficient by the Court.

shows that additional spill may have little to no impact on fish survival rates. Other studies show that under certain conditions high spill levels may actually reduce survival rates.

"The Biological Opinion is the result of years of collaborative work between President Barack Obama's administration, Washington and other Pacific Northwest states, sovereign Northwest tribes, and other local stakeholders with direct knowledge and expertise in mitigation and recovery efforts. Rejecting the BiOp only hurts the people of Washington state and sets us back decades in our fight to protect fish and support clean energy," said in a joint statement by Representatives Cathy McMorris Rodgers, Dan Newhouse, and Jamie Herrera Beutler.

Early estimates made by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) placed the cost of the additional spill to Northwest customers at about \$40 million in a normal water year. Because we are having a better than normal water year, BPA's latest estimate is now at \$10.2 million after accounting for other cost savings from the fish and wildlife program.

There is debate whether the additional spill will make a difference on fish survival rates. NOAA Fisheries has done modeling that

This is a one year spill test and any cost implications from this will be absorbed by Franklin PUD at this point in time. We will not pass on any additional costs in our customers' retail rates; however, there is a possibility that the test will be extended into future years by the Court. Should that happen, it may place upward pressure on retail rates in the future.



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Commissioner's Corner

Don't Believe Everything You Read



Stu Nelson
2018 President

There seems to be so many articles in the news regarding taking out the Snake River dams. And in many of the articles I read the authors fail to accurately frame all the issues and the costs of breaching these dams.

Also overlooked by many of these studies are the multiple critical benefits the Snake River dams provide the region. These include transportation, recreation, flood control and a navigation and lock system which moves a variety of products producing over \$3 billion in value to the region, among other benefits. As critical pieces of the entire federal river system, the lower Snake River dams produce more than 1,000 average megawatts of clean, renewable, emission-free energy. That is enough to power more than 800,000 homes. Without the dams, it is estimated that carbon emissions would increase by 2 to 2.6 million metric tons annually. The Northwest Power and Conservation Council's 7th Power Plan estimates that the social cost of carbon at that level would be between \$98 million and \$381 million per year.

Hydropower supports other renewable generation, allowing the incorporation of nearly 5,000 megawatts of wind on BPA's transmission system. Hydropower is also an important resource supporting intermittent wind generation.

The lower Snake River dams help keep the federal system in balance. Of the 31 Federal Columbia River Power System projects, only 10 keep the system operating reliably through Automatic Generation Control, and the lower Snake River dams are four of those.

Of the 13 endangered species act listed salmon in the region, four migrate through the lower Snake River dams. These dams provide safe fish passage and the dams are on track to meet the 96% juvenile migration standards set by the Biological Opinion. Adult fish pass these dams via fish ladders, that have been paid for through your rates.

I hope you can attend RiverFest 2018 event to explore and see for yourself all of the positive benefits our rivers and dams provide the region and our local community. It's sponsored by not only our local businesses, but those from Portland to Idaho. It's our time to tell our story about the rivers based on facts and science. **#damproud**

"Move Over" Law Expanded to Include Utility Vehicles

Currently Washington State law requires drivers to move over a lane or slow down for emergency vehicles stopped on the shoulder of the highway. Starting June 7, 2018, motorists must do the same for utility vehicles including line trucks from power utilities.

Utility workers often have to work on power lines located along roadways in inclement weather conditions, at night and/or in emergency situations to restore power which adds to the dangers associated with this work.

More specifically, the Washington State law requires drivers to vacate the lane closest to stationary emergency vehicles, such as police or tow trucks, if they are traveling in the same direction and it is safe to do so. If not, drivers are required to slow down within 200 feet before and after a stationary emergency vehicle that has its flashing lights activated.

A driver who violates these emergency zone driving restrictions is guilty of Reckless Endangerment of Emergency Zone Workers and can be fined \$1,000, receive a jail sentence, and/or lose driving privileges.

Franklin PUD Electric Rates - No Increases in 2018

RESIDENTIAL	System Charge	Energy Charge	Demand Charge
Single Phase	\$34.00	0.0673	
Three Phase	\$58.72	0.0673	
SMALL GENERAL			
Metered	\$39.56	0.0744	
Unmetered	\$39.56	0.0744	
MEDIUM GENERAL			
Meter & Unmt	\$51.88		\$8.26
Apr-Aug		0.0364	
Sep-March		0.0461	
LARGE GENERAL			
Meter & Unmt	\$69.26		\$8.44
Apr-Aug		0.0365	
Sep-March		0.0455	
INDUSTRIAL			
Metered	\$486.70		\$8.67
Apr-Aug		0.0363	
Sep-March		0.0456	
SM. IRRIGATION			<u>Horsepower</u>
Basic HP Fee Mar-Oct			\$5.15
Apr-Aug		0.0321	
Sep-March		0.0526	
LG. IRRIGATION			
Metered			\$9.51
Apr-Aug		0.0320	
Fall Sep.-Oct		0.0437	
Nov-Mar		0.0527	



Senior & Disabled Discounts Available

Do you know we offer discounts for our low income seniors and low income disabled customers? Visit our website at www.franklinpud.com and click on the Programs and Services section for information and forms. You can also call a Customer Service Representative at 509-547-5591.

Income must be verified ANNUALLY.

Fuel Mix Disclosure

A report of where your power comes from.

Generation Type	% of Total Generation WA State*	Actuals
COAL	2.09%	-
HYDRO	83.34%	80.60%
MARKET PURCHASES	-	3.90%
NATURAL GAS	3.92%	2.70%
NUCLEAR	10.43%	10.30%
WIND	-	2.40%
OTHER	0.22%	0.10%
Total	100%	100%

Source: WA State Dept. of Commerce, Franklin PUD - actual purchases of generation for 2016.

