

Hotline



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Welcome Scott Rhees New General Manager of Franklin PUD



public relations. Much of his experience has been with investor owned utilities including PacifiCorp. Franklin PUD believes Rhees brings a wide variety of knowledge that is not only applicable to public power, but will help the utility plan for the future in an energy industry that is likely to see significant changes in how we are required to do business.

Rhees's community involvement is widespread. He has been active in community relations and economic development throughout his career, serving on various economic development boards, Chamber of Commerce boards and as past Chamber President. He and his wife currently serve on the Heber Valley Cowboy Poetry and Music Festival Board, located in Heber City, Utah. "I'm honored to have the opportunity to be part of the community and leadership team for Franklin PUD. I'm excited to bring my past experience to support the needs of customers and the team. I look forward to being involved in the community and working with the great employees at Franklin PUD," stated Rhees.

Rhees is married and has three children and two grandchildren.

Franklin PUD is pleased to have Rhees join the team to lead the utility and carry on the values of public power and its core principles.

The Franklin PUD Board of Commissioners selected Scott R. Rhees as the next General Manager of the utility. They formally adopted the resolution at the March 26th regular board meeting and Rhees started on April 1st.

Franklin PUD received 58 applications from candidates across the region. After thoroughly reviewing and analyzing the qualifications of all individuals, the final selection was Rhees.

A native of Utah, Rhees brings 40 years' experience to Franklin PUD. Most recently Rhees has been working as the Vice President of Transmission and Utility Relations with Cyrq Energy in Salt Lake City developing renewable energy generation projects. He has an extensive background in the energy industry including working in the areas of operations, transmission, generation development, and

Working for You

Commissioners:

Roger Wright, *President*
Bill Gordon, *Vice President*
Stu Nelson, *Secretary*

General Manager:

Scott Rhees

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Commissioner Bill Gordon (far left) and Commissioner Stu Nelson (3rd from right) met with Commissioner Richard Glick (2nd from left) of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) during their trip to the American Public Power Conference.

Discussions with FERC included federal regulations that impact your utility including fish issues and the Energy Imbalance Market (EIM) with California.

Others included in the photo are members from Grays Harbor PUD and Debbie Bone-Harris, Franklin PUD Sr. Public Affairs Manager.

Outdoor Electrical Safety

Before starting **any** project, **be alert of where the power lines are located**, and know how high they are hanging. Whether you're working on the roof, trimming trees, or painting your siding, it's your job to be aware and to **alert others about nearby power lines**.



Teaching Electrical Safety in Our Community

At Franklin PUD we take safety very seriously. It's at the core of everything we do. To help spread the word and educate our customers, we participate in many safety demonstrations, whether that's being called upon by schools or having a booth at the Health and Safety Expo.



Save the Date!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7
10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.
EAST END OF COLUMBIA PARK

Commissioner's Corner

Roots of Public Power

Back to the Basics



Stu Nelson
2019 Secretary

We want to welcome Scott Rhees new General Manager. We are glad to have him on board. We want to educate all of our customers on the benefits of public power and why we feel so strongly about our roots.

We have been working very hard to ensure that the clean energy bill making its way through the legislature recognizes the value of Public Power and gives us the tools we need to meet the future clean energy goals. The recognition of hydropower as an eligible renewable resource, a technology-neutral approach, and reliability of our electric system are important features that are now included in the bill.

As the clean energy bill was being drafted, efforts were underway that would have undermined our founding statute regarding forming a PUD, called condemnation. But we negotiated with state legislators and the investor owned utilities on this important principle. We are the protectors of what many before us fought to establish and protect - public power.

Nearly 100 years ago PUDs were formed through Initiative #1 to bring essential utility services to communities throughout the State of Washington. Title 54 allows the people to choose their electric provider. We provide electricity and wholesale telecommunications services throughout our service territory with a focus on service, not profits. It was a model that worked in the 1930s and still works today.

Today PUD's provide safe, affordable, and clean electricity to over 2.5 million Washingtonians. We were leaders in conservation before anyone told us to do so because it made sense to use our energy resources more efficiently rather than to have to build unneeded resources. We have been clean energy providers for decades because our founders were wise and understood the value of hydropower.

We remember Homer T. Bone, the Washington State Grange, and the people of rural communities in the early part of the 20th century that were ignored by their state government and deemed "unprofitable" by well-funded private utilities. We have a duty to protect the legacy given to us by the people of Washington and to fight for those who may wish to undertake the formation of PUDs in the future.

The rights of the people to form PUDs is not negotiable.

Current Rates

Full rate schedules are available on our website at www.franklinpud.com

Residential	System	Energy	
Single Phase	\$34.00	\$0.0673	
Three Phase	\$58.72	\$0.0673	
Small General	System	Energy	
All customers	\$39.56	\$0.0744	
Medium General	System	Energy	Demand
Apr-Aug	\$51.88	\$0.0364	\$8.26
Sept-March	\$51.88	\$0.0461	\$8.26
Large General	System	Energy	Demand
Apr- Aug	\$69.26	\$0.0365	\$8.44
Sept - March	\$69.26	\$0.0455	\$8.44
Small Irrigation (Metered)		Energy	Horsepower
Apr - Aug		\$0.0321	\$5.15
Sept - March		\$0.0526	\$5.15
Large Irrigation (Metered)		Energy	Demand
Apr - Aug		\$0.0320	\$9.51
Sept - Oct		\$0.0437	\$9.51
Nov - March		\$0.0527	\$9.51
Industrial	Basic	Energy	Demand
Apr - Aug	\$486.70	\$0.0363	\$8.67
Sept - March	\$486.70	\$0.0456	\$8.67
New Large Industrial			
Effective 4/1/2018 >3,000 kW - determined by contract			

MSA in Colocation Facility



Franklin PUD and Northwest Open Access Network (NoaNet) recently teamed up with Mission Support Alliance (MSA) to close down an aging 8,000 square foot datacenter on the Hanford site and move it into an 800 square foot space in Franklin PUD's colocation facility.

MSA was an ideal partner because Franklin PUD offered a good location and had the infrastructure and fiber connections in place to support their needs. "We continually strive to partner with organizations benefiting our community, and this certainly worked out well for MSA, NoaNet and Franklin PUD," stated Ben Hooper, Franklin PUD Broadband manager. "In today's fast paced world, we need to partner with our local community, government entities, and businesses alike for effective deployment of wholesale broadband networks and technology services. This is a win-win situation for everyone involved", stated Hooper.

Colocation facilities provide space, power, cooling, and physical security for server, storage, and networking equipment.



Franklin PUD Broadband staff: (L to R) Ben Hooper, Brent Weatherman and Fred Wells

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

