

# POWER & WATER NEWS

## Commissioners Corner

## Generator Safety

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By Jack Janda

Dear Mason County PUD No. 1 Customers and Owners, I wanted to bring to your attention an important benefit to you as owners of your utility. You can choose to buy energy efficient appliances and benefit in two ways. You can benefit by getting a rebate and you can pay lower cost in the future by using energy efficient appliances. My wife and I recently bought a new washing machine and we received a \$100 rebate. I want you to also benefit. Conservation is by far the most economical way to address energy use. Think about it. We can practice conservation or we can build costly generation and increase your rates. I'd rather do conservation.

As of October 1, 2006

Energy Star Appliance Rebates:

Clothes Washer:  
MEF of 1.72 or above \$70.00

Refrigerator  
(7.75 or larger) \$25.00

New refrigerator with  
Proof of recycling the  
Non energy efficient  
refrigerator \$110.00

Dishwasher \$25.00

Hot Water heater \$25.00  
Energy factor of .93/  
59 gal. or less  
Energy factor of .91  
or greater/60 gal. or  
More

Electronic Thermostats \$80.00  
Not to exceed 70% of actual cost

Unfortunately, every year we hear about deaths involving the use of generators during power outages.

A generator is only one component of a family's emergency plan. It helps to provide you and your family with a certain measure of comfort. Along with using a generator, there are safety measures that should be taken to ensure the safety of your local utility linemen and yourself. Your generator should be equipped with an automatic transfer or a manual transfer switch. These features will isolate your generator from any power source provided by your local utility, eliminating the chances of back feeding power into the utility grid.

Use your generator only for the specified kilowatt rating. Overloading your generator may result in fire or damage to your equipment. Never fill your generator with fuel when in operation or in an enclosed or confined space. This could result in injury.

**Safety Saves Lives !**

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## **H**appy New Year from the Employees & Commissioners

Steve Brown, Meter Reader  
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Cindi Carow, Systems Admin.  
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Mike Rose, Journeyman Lineman  
Cheryl Wagner, Purchasing  
Dick Wilson, Manager  
Mike York, Journeyman Lineman

### **New Employees Join the District to Re- place Retirees**

Kieth Visser, the District's purchasing agent retired after 30 years of service with the PUD. Kieth and his wife Karen are now enjoying their new home in Union.

Cheryl Wagner, who has been with the PUD for 15 years moved into that position as Keith's replacement.

Elaine Hatch, the District's engineering technician retired on December 31st after 24 years with the PUD. Elaine began her career with the PUD as the District Manager's secretary in December 1982. She and her husband Craig plan to build at Alderbrook, play a little golf, and travel.

Vicky Heinrich joined the PUD ranks as Elaine's replacement. Vicky worked for Mason County PUD 3 as an engineering tech and brings 10 years of Auto-CAD experience to the PUD.

Steve Brown started with the PUD in November as a meter reader to fill a vacancy in the operations department. We are pleased to have Steve on board.

### **Dick Wilson, Man- ager for the PUD Will Retire February 1, 2007**

Dick Wilson, the District's manager will be retiring on February 1, 2007 after 10 years with the PUD.

Dick has been in the utility industry for 32 years. Before coming to PUD 1 he spent time at Snohomish County PUD, Grays Harbor PUD, and Arizona Power Authority in Phoenix. He then took a job in Sitka Alaska as electrical superintendent.

Dick and his wife Elaine will reside at their home in Alderbrook. They also plan to spend time at their home in Arizona and travel abroad.

The PUD has advertised regionally to search for Dick's replacement. The board hopes to appoint a new manager in early spring.

Debbie Knipschild, Director of Administrative Services for the District will serve as interim manager until the new manager comes on board. Debbie has been with the PUD for 26 years.

### **Manager's Letter**

I am leaving this utility with great memories of a ten-year career at Mason County PUD No.1. I came aboard as manager to primarily help move a very young struggling water utility forward to one of prominence. I am happy to report that in 1997 we had 6 water systems and today we have 33 with several more in the works for acquisition in 2007.

I thank the customers of this utility for the opportunity to have served you