

The purpose of this revision to the electric, water, and joint use fee schedules are to update the fees to be in line with the actual cost to provide service.

Fees have not been updated in over a decade. The PUD provides at-cost services, so the fees are adjusted to reflect that.

- The overtime fee, for instance, does not currently cover the cost of employees and trucks for the two-hour minimum for overtime response. We want to be available to our customers on nights and weekends for non-emergency work, but if they want the after-hours response, they need to fully compensate the rest of the ratepayers for the overtime and fleet expense.
- The disconnect/reconnect fees have also been adjusted. Customers who regularly wait to make arrangements on their accounts until trucks have rolled to the homes to disconnect (and to back to reconnect) cost the District extra time and expense in manpower hours and fleet expense to respond twice to each meter.

The fees are meant to deter customers from getting to that point, but also to cover the costs to the rest of the ratepayers if the trucks and crew must go to the meter for disconnect/reconnect.

*Note: We still offer scheduled, complimentary line drops for customers who need power disconnected or reconnected during regular business hours to perform work at their properties. We view this as part of our regular course of business that is covered by monthly basic charges by our customers.

- Meter check fee also covers the cost to roll a truck to double check a meter. If there is a meter issue, the District will always cover the cost to replace or repair the meter at no charge to the customer; however, some customers insist on additional meter check reads when disputing their bills, even when we can tell that the meter is fully operational. If customers still insist, at least the costs to perform the meter check will be covered.
- There has been an increase in meter tampering, especially on the water side. We have increased those fees for the first time in over 10 years to help dissuade people from tampering with the meter and illegally using power and water.
- The credit reporting fee has been reduced from \$15 to \$3. It was decided that the process of running the credit check is already built into the account set up process and that it was better to charge for the actual cost of the credit check, which is about \$3 per credit check.
- The unauthorized pole attachment fee for the Joint Use fee schedule has been modified to simplify the cost per unauthorized attachment, per pole. Rather than have groupings of poles with different parameters of charging for attachments, it makes more sense to have them be per singular pole.

WATER RATE SCHEDULE For 2021

Revised April 1, 2021/Established 2000

RESIDENTIAL & SMALL COMMERCIAL RATE CLASS

METERED RATE-CUBIC FEET:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| First 400 cu. ft. or less | \$53.70/month |
| 401 to 1000 cu. ft. | \$2.16/100 cu. ft |
| 1001 cu. ft. & above | \$2.68/100 cu. Ft |

METERED RATE-GALLONS:

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| First 3000 gallons or less | \$53.70/month |
| 3001 to 7500 gallons | .002880/gallon |
| 7501 gallons & above | .003616/gallon |

IRRIGATION:

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Meter Charge | \$4476.86 |
| Usage Charge (\$ per CCF) | \$1.25 |

System Development Fee \$4,733.00

***A System Development Fee does not mean that there are available hook-ups for new services. Please contact Mason County PUD #1 for information on availability at 360- 877-5249 or 1-800-544-4223*

Fill Charge \$5.76

MISCELLANEOUS CUSTOMER CHARGES

~~Service Set-up Charge~~ Credit Check Fee \$ 315.00

SECURITY DEPOSITS-

Owner/Non-Owner Residential \$ 100.00*
(Without Satisfactory Credit Check)

General Service Customers \$ 100.00*
(Without Satisfactory Credit Check)

Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History \$ 200.00*

Irrigation 2 month average high
(Industry standard usage if not available)

* OR Two Month High -Whichever is greater

OTHER CHARGES

| | |
|---|-------------------------|
| Disconnect Non-Pay or Field Collection | \$ 7525.00 |
| Reconnect Service during Working Hours | \$ 7515.00 |
| Reconnect during non-working hours or check on customer outages (no charge for utility problems) | \$ 300150.00 |

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| Disconnect and Reconnect Within 3 Years | Basic Service Charge For Each Month the Service Is Disconnected |
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| Disconnect and Reconnect after 3 Years | 1/2 half of the System Development Fee |
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| Late charge on unpaid balance over 30 days | 1.5% |
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| Smart Meter Opt Out Can have meter manually read every month | \$ 25.00/month |
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| NSF Fee | \$ 50.00 |
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Meter Tampering

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| **Cut or missing seal plus reconnect fee of \$ 7515.00 | \$ 200100.00 |
| **Unauthorized connect or reconnect of meter plus usage and reconnect fee of \$ 7515.00 | \$ 250125.00 |
| **Water Diversion plus estimated water used | \$ 1250.00 |

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| Associated Service Charge, Fees, Expenses from Local, State of Federal Agencies | Actual Cost |
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| Temporary Service (Installation/Removal) | Actual Cost |
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| Crew/Servicemen Standby (Customer Request) | Actual Cost |
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| Customers Damage to District's Property | Actual Cost |
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| Hydrant Use | |
| Use Fee | \$ 100.00 |
| Six-Month Permit | \$ 600.00 |

METER INSTALLATION FEES

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|----------------------|-------------|
| 5/8-Inch or 3/4-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 1-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 1 1/2-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 2-Inch and Above | Actual Cost |

PUD NO. 1 of MASON COUNTY
21971 N. Hwy 101
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 877-5249 or 1-800-544-4223

ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES (Last Rate Change: April 1, [20192021](#))

Residential Service

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$38.00/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08301 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

General Service Single Phase

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$48.57/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08947 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Residential Low-Use (NEW)

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Less than 450KWH/month | |
| Basic Charge | \$38.83/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08301 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

General Service Three Phase

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|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$60.00/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08822 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Security Lights

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| 100 Watt, High Pressure Sodium | \$12.12/month |
| Pole Charge | \$2.89/month |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Misc. Customer Service Charges

AMR Meter Opt-Out Fee \$25.00/month*

*Must sign an Opt-Out Contract to be eligible

Deposits:

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|---|-------------|
| Residential Customers-Without satisfactory credit check | \$ 100.00* |
| Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History | \$ 200.00* |
| General Service Customers | \$ 500.00* |
| Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History | \$ 1000.00* |

* OR Two Month High -Whichever is greater

~~Service Charge (to set up or modify an account)~~**Credit Check Fee** \$ ~~3.00~~[15.00](#)

Meter Check (if no problem found) \$ ~~75~~[25](#).00

Disconnect Non-Pay or Field Collection \$ ~~75~~[25](#).00

Reconnect

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|---|--------------------------|
| Non-Pay working hours | \$ 75 15.00 |
| Reconnect during non-working hours or check on customer outages (no charge for utility problems) | \$ 300 150.00 |
| Reconnect same customer within one year - Residential | \$38.00/month |
| Reconnect same customer within one year - General Service | \$48.57/month 10 |
| | \$60.00/month 30 |

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| **Cut or missing seal plus reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 200 100.00 |
| **Unauthorized connect or reconnect of meter plus usage and reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 250 125.00 |
| **Power Diversion plus estimated KWH used | \$ 1250.00 |

**This represents the minimum charge. The District reserves the right to recover all damages allowed by law.

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| Bad check charge | \$ 50.00 |
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| Late charge | 1.5% |
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EXHIBIT A Joint Use Rate/Fee Schedule

Rates and Fees

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| Pole Attachment Rate (per attachment* – billed annually) | \$21.00 |
| Unauthorized Attachment Inspection Fee: | |
| 1-3 Immediately Adjacent Poles (flat fee – billed when work performed) | \$110.00 |
| 4-6 Immediately Adjacent Poles (flat fee – billed when work performed) | \$220.00 |
| Greater than 6 Poles | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Make-Ready Work | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Attachment Transfers | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Pole Loading Analysis | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| District Removal of Unauthorized Attachments | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Failure to Maintain Emergency Contact Fee | \$100.00 |

*RCW 54.04.045(1)(a)

ALTERATIONS: This schedule may be revised, supplemented, or otherwise modified only by action of the Commission. In emergency situations, the manager of the District may make such reasonable modifications as they deem necessary provided, however, such modifications are reported to the Commission at its next official meeting.

Effective July 1, 2019



**Mason County PUD No. 1
Regular Board Meeting
October 12, 2021
1:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85869053743>

Meeting ID: 858 6905 3743
1 (253) 215-8782

1:00 p.m. Call to Order & Flag Salute

1:00 p.m. Public Hearing

1) Consent Agenda

Minutes: September 28, 2021 Regular Meeting

| | | |
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| Disbursements: | Accounts Payable Wire | \$ 55,892.90 |
| | Check Nos. 120762-120823 | \$146,861.48 |

A/P Sub-Total \$202,754.38

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| Payroll Wire | \$ 67,309.95 |
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Grand Total \$ 270,064.33

2) Public Comment- *Members of the public wishing to comment may request permission to do so during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. There will be no action or discussion of public comment items, although the board may defer to PUD management for any necessary response.*

3) Business Agenda

- a. Approve the proposed Fee Schedule

4) Staff Reports

- a. General Manager
- b. Treasurer
- c. Water Resource Manager
- d. Legal Counsel

5) Correspondence

6) Board Comments

7) Other Business/Public Comment

8) Executive Session - None

9) Adjournment

2021 Calendar

October 12

PUD 1 Budget Workshop- 10:00 a.m. via Zoom

October 14

WPUDA-Virtual Budget Committee

October 21

WPAG- 9:00 a.m.

November 3

PPC (Town Hall with Marty Kanner 4-5:30 p.m.)

November 17

WPAG -1:00 pm

November 17-19

WPUDA-Olympia

December 1-3

WPUDA Annual Meeting



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1

Board of Commissioners Board Meeting
September 28, 2021 Potlatch, Washington

Present:

Mike Sheetz, President (Online)
Jack Janda, Vice President (Online)
Ron Gold, Board Secretary (Online)
Kristin Masteller, General Manager (Online)
Katie Arnold, District Treasurer (Online)
Brandy Milroy, Water Resource Manager (Online)
Julie Gray, Executive Assistant (Online)
Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel (Online)

Visitors:

None

CALL TO ORDER: Mike Sheetz called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Minutes: September 14, 2021 Regular Board Meeting

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| Disbursements: | <u>Accounts Payable Check Register</u> | |
| | Accounts Payable Wire | \$ 49,922.18 |
| | Check Nos. 120697-120761 | \$ 157,271.86 |
| | A/P Sub Total | \$ 207,194.04 |
| | <u>Payroll Expense</u> | |
| | Payroll Wire | \$ 61,981.01 |
| | Grand Total | \$ 269,175.05 |

Jack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

BUSINESS AGENDA:

Set Public Hearing for Updating Fee Schedule – The Public Hearing to discuss the proposed Fee Schedule is set for 1:00 pm Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

Claim for damages – Karjo - Jack made a motion to deny the Claim for Damages and turn it over to Federated for processing. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.



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Board of Commissioners Board Meeting
September 28, 2021 Potlatch, Washington

August Financials – Katie reported the gross revenue was \$1,079,488 for the month of August 2021 and gross expenditures at \$968,410. She stated both the Debt Service Coverage and Times Interest Earned Ratio are still above the 1.25 minimum as required by bond covenants. The Long Term Debt to Equity ratio is decreasing as principle payments are made on the District's outstanding debt. The budget to actuals through August 2021 are in line with what is expected this time of year, within 66.7% of the annual budget.

| Financial Metrics as Compared with Prior Year: | August 2021 | August 2020 |
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| Total General Cash and Investments | \$1,134,936 | \$959,350 |
| Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities) | 2.67 to 1 | 3.88 to 1 |
| Debt Service Coverage (O&M/ Debt Service) | 2.76 | 2.66 |
| Long-Term Debt to Net Plant | 38% | 42% |
| Total Debt to Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities/Total Equity) | 52% | 57% |
| Long Term Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt / Total Equity) | 47% | 53% |
| Times Interest Earned Ratio (Earnings before Interest & Taxes/Total Interest) | 4.65 | 4.23 |
| Cash on Hand (Total Available Cash/Average Daily Costs) | 52 Days (General) 175 Days (All Funds) | 42 Days (General) 190 Days (All Funds) |

Approval of 2021 PCI Policies – Jack made a motion to approve the 2021 PCI Policies. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Policy 609 – Employee Recognition - Jack made a motion to approve Policy 609 – Employee Recognition. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Approval of Employee Handbook – Jack made a motion to approve the Employee Handbook. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Award Generator Project to Legacy Power Systems - Jack made a motion to award the Generator Project for Highland Estates and Wonderland water systems to Legacy Power Systems in the amount of \$104,150.24. Ron seconded the motion. Motion carried.

General Manager – Kristin reported that the PUD had been approved for the CERB grant, which will help fund the expansion of broadband from Mike's Beach resort to Walker Mt. She is working with Hood Canal Communications on an agreement which would allow them to maintain the system. She reported that she is still working on the wildfire mitigation plan. She and James met with Aspect to get their guidance on how to proceed with the pole yard clean up since the scope continues to grow with



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Ecology's recommendations. Kristin reported that she would be meeting with Tim Flynn from Aspect this week regarding the final ground water modeling scope of work in the Alderbrook/Union area.

Director of Business Services – Katie reported that the CSR position closed on September 14th and interviews took place on September 27th. A decision will be made by next week to fill the position. The Water Tech position will close on October 8th. Katie also reported that the State Auditor's Office is significantly behind on the 2020 audits, due to extension requests because of the COVID pandemic. Because of the backlog, the Auditor's office identified PUD 1 as a candidate for a multi-year audit, meaning they will audit both 2020 and 2021 in the Fall of 2022. She also reported that the public hearing for an updated fee schedule is scheduled for October 12th. There will also be a redistricting public hearing on November 9th.

Water Resources Manager – Brandy reported there was nothing new on the Agate Beach project. They are planning to be finished by the end of October. She reported that she had been working on the 2022 Water budget and Strategic plan. The Treasure Island water system SMA contract will end on September 30th. Brandy also reported that she had received the final approval from DOH for the Lake Arrowhead mainline design. That project will go out to bid on October 7th, 2021. Start date won't be until spring of 2022. She reported she had virtually attended the Water Workshop.

Correspondence – A letter to the Public Works Board supporting Jefferson Co. PUD's Discovery Bay fiber application and a press release regarding the CERB boards approval of PUD 1's Hood Canal-101 Broad Band project.

Board Reports –

Mike – Mike reported that he had virtually attended the Water Workshop.

Jack – None.

Ron – Ron reported that he had virtually attended the Water Workshop.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION – At 2:07 p.m. Kristin asked Mike Sheetz to call an executive session for 10 minutes to review threatened or pending litigation RCW 42.30.110(i) with no action to be taken. At 2:17 p.m., Mike Sheetz closed the executive session, and with no further business to discuss, adjourned the regular meeting.

Adjournment: 2:17 p.m.

Mike Sheetz, President

Jack Janda, Vice President

Ron Gold, Secretary

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| 545 10/01/2021 | WIRE | IRS | WEST COAST BANK | FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY | 26,553.41 |
| 546 10/01/2021 | WIRE | WASH 1 | WA DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYS | STATE RETIREMENT - PLAN 2 | 18,021.73 |
| 547 10/01/2021 | WIRE | WASH 7 | WA STATE TREAS-MS: PO-11 | DEFERRED COMPENSATION | 8,492.75 |
| 548 10/01/2021 | WIRE | HRA | HRA VEBA TRUST CONTRIBUTI | VEBA MEDICAL SAVINGS | 2,825.01 |
| 120762 09/28/2021 | CHK | FERRIER | JANIECE FERRIER | MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT-#0911011922 | 1,285.38 |
| 120763 09/28/2021 | CHK | KESTER | KESTER, GREGORY C. | MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT | 1,307.58 |
| 120764 09/28/2021 | CHK | MUNCHR | MUNCH, ROY | MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT | 704.62 |
| 120765 09/28/2021 | CHK | WAGNER | WAGNER, CHERYL | MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT-789026098408 | 309.96 |
| 120766 09/28/2021 | CHK | 2 | ROBYN CLENDENIN | MR Refund | 366.06 |
| 120767 09/28/2021 | CHK | BUILDERS | BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC | WOMEN'S CLUB-DOOR REPLACEMENT | 477.90 |
| 120768 09/28/2021 | CHK | GRAYJU | GRAY, JULIE | 2021 VIRTUAL WPUDA MEETING-LUNCH | 119.07 |
| 120769 09/28/2021 | CHK | HDFOWL | HD FOWLER COMPANY | WATER NON INVENTORY SUPPLIES | 1,474.12 |
| 120770 09/28/2021 | CHK | MILES | MILES SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY | VUECREST WATER PROJECT - ROCK | 250.51 |
| 120771 10/01/2021 | CHK | AFLAC | AFLAC | SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE | 187.84 |
| 120772 10/01/2021 | CHK | AWWA | AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSO | ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP | 850.00 |
| 120773 10/01/2021 | CHK | ANIXTER | ANIXTER INC | NON INVENTORY SUPPLIES | 591.70 |
| 120774 10/01/2021 | CHK | ASPECT CONSU | ASPECT CONSULTING LLC | UNION REGIONAL WATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATIO | 14,293.75 |
| 120775 10/01/2021 | CHK | ASW | ASW | Q4 2021 L&I CLAIM ONLY SERVICE FEE | 778.65 |
| 120776 10/01/2021 | CHK | BUILDERS | BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC | WOMEN'S CLUB DOOR PROJECT | 202.87 |
| 120777 10/01/2021 | CHK | CAPIT2 | CAPITAL INDUSTRIAL, INC. | TRUCK #78-BREAK PRESS ALUMINUM PLATE | 388.99 |
| 120778 10/01/2021 | CHK | COLONI | COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE | SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE | 860.06 |
| 120779 10/01/2021 | CHK | CRUMP | RICHARD CRUMP | TRUCK#78-REGISTRATION FILING FEE | 76.25 |
| 120780 10/01/2021 | CHK | THE SHOP* | D & H PRINTING | GRAPHIC DESIGN FOR CUSTOMER APPRECIATION | 1,729.71 |
| 120781 10/01/2021 | CHK | GORDON TRUC | FREIGHTLINER NORTHWEST OLYMPIA | TRUCK #78 UPPER FRAME DASH | 277.90 |
| 120782 10/01/2021 | CHK | GENPAC | GENERAL PACIFIC INC | BRACKET POLE MOUNTING | 424.45 |
| 120783 10/01/2021 | CHK | HOODCA | HOOD CANAL COMMUNICATIONS | INTERNET, IT SERVICES, & ALARM DIALER | 19,521.33 |

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| 120784 10/01/2021 | CHK | L.G. | L. G. ISAACSON CO. INC. | SHOP SUPPLIES | 168.39 |
| 120785 10/01/2021 | CHK | LAC-MAC LTD | LAC-MAC LTD | FR RAINGEAR-METER READER | 941.00 |
| 120786 10/01/2021 | CHK | MILES | MILES SAND & GRAVEL COMPANY | VUECREST WATER PROJECT-ROCK | 539.20 |
| 120787 10/01/2021 | CHK | 30 | NORTHWEST ROCK, INC | ROCK | 1,196.13 |
| 120788 10/01/2021 | CHK | NWSS | NORTHWEST SAFETY SERVICE LLC | SAFETY SERVICES ON 09/29/2021 | 1,136.25 |
| 120789 10/01/2021 | CHK | PARSON | PARSONS DIESEL & STEAM | SERVICE VARIOUS EQUIPMENT | 2,183.56 |
| 120790 10/01/2021 | CHK | PLATT ELECTRI | PLATT | SHOP SUPPLIES | 181.89 |
| 120791 10/01/2021 | CHK | PUDCAS | PUD # 1 PETTY CASH | REIMBURSE PETTY CASH | 172.71 |
| 120792 10/01/2021 | CHK | SMS CLEANING | SMS CLEANING, INC | CLEANING SERVICE-LESS RETAINAGE | 1,425.60 |
| 120793 10/01/2021 | CHK | SHOP | THE SHOPPER'S WEEKLY | LED FLASHLIGHTS | 670.53 |
| 120794 10/01/2021 | CHK | TOZIER | TOZIER BROS, INC | SHOP SUPPLIES | 104.84 |
| 120795 10/01/2021 | CHK | 34 | WASHINGTON ALARM, INC | MONTHLY BILLING - SECURITY SYSTEM SHOP | 162.75 |
| 120796 10/01/2021 | CHK | WASH 8 | WASHINGTON STATE | SEPTEMBER 2021- HEALTH & LTD INS | 42,826.85 |
| 120797 10/01/2021 | CHK | NAPA AUTO PA | WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS | WIPERS & LED LIGHT BULBS | 424.46 |
| 120798 10/01/2021 | CHK | WITTENBERG C | WITTENBERG CPA, PS | CONSULT-MANAGEMENT | 180.00 |
| 120799 10/01/2021 | CHK | 2 | ROBERT D GRAHAM | DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE & BPA INCENTIVE | 1,300.00 |
| 120800 10/01/2021 | CHK | IBEW | IBEW LOCAL UNION #77 | UNION DUES | 805.97 |
| 120801 10/01/2021 | CHK | PUDEMP | PUD #1 EMPLOYEE FUND | EMPLOYEE FUND | 190.00 |
| 120802 10/01/2021 | CHK | US TREASURY | US TREASURY | LEVY PROCEEDS #91-1197062 | 100.00 |
| 120803 10/04/2021 | CHK | CROSS | CROSSAN, MARTIN | DOT PHYSICAL EXAM FEE | 150.00 |
| 120804 10/06/2021 | CHK | ASPECT CONSU | ASPECT CONSULTING LLC | POLE YARD CLEAN-UP | 16,091.13 |
| 120805 10/06/2021 | CHK | DON SMALL & S | DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST | GAS & DIESEL | 3,831.91 |
| 120806 10/06/2021 | CHK | GOLDSTREET | GOLDSTREET DESIGN AGENCY, INC. | WEBSITE HOSTING | 2,128.00 |
| 120807 10/06/2021 | CHK | MASON CO GAR | MASON COUNTY GARBAGE | MONTHLY GARBAGE CHARGES | 406.64 |
| 120808 10/06/2021 | CHK | CITI CARDS | CITI CARDS | MO.CITI CARD CHARGES ACCT.ENDING IN 4326 | 10,567.33 |
| 120809 10/07/2021 | CHK | 15 | MARY BECHTOLT | REIMBURSE FOR WIFI AT HOME (OCTOBER) | 29.45 |

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| 120810 10/07/2021 | CHK | DON SMALL & S | DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST | GAS & DIESEL | 1,458.95 |
| 120811 10/07/2021 | CHK | FARWEST | FARWEST LINE SPECIALTIES | SHOP SUPPLIES | 327.45 |
| 120812 10/07/2021 | CHK | GORDON TRUC | FREIGHTLINER NORTHWEST OLYMPIA | TRUCK #78-TRIM PLATE DASH | 158.33 |
| 120813 10/07/2021 | CHK | GE SOFTWARE | GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS | MONTHLY EKOS FUEL SITE MODULE | 80.00 |
| 120814 10/07/2021 | CHK | GILLIARDI LOG | GILLIARDI LOGGING AND CONSTRUCT | VUECREST PROJECT | 188.86 |
| 120815 10/07/2021 | CHK | MILROY | BRANDY MILROY | CUSTOMER APPRECIATION BBQ-CHEESE & BATTE | 872.96 |
| 120816 10/07/2021 | CHK | PARSON | PARSONS DIESEL & STEAM | SERVICE VEHICLE #65, #68, & #78 | 1,729.49 |
| 120817 10/07/2021 | CHK | PLATT ELECTRI | PLATT | NON INVENTORY ELECTRIC PARTS | 515.06 |
| 120818 10/07/2021 | CHK | RICOH USA | RICOH USA, INC. | MONTHLY RENT - TWO COPIERS | 514.29 |
| 120819 10/07/2021 | CHK | JOHN 3 | ROBERT W. JOHNSON | SEPTEMBER- RETAINER FEE | 3,494.70 |
| 120820 10/07/2021 | CHK | SPECTRA LAB | SPECTRA LABORATORIES-KITSAP, LLC | VARIOUS WATER TESTING | 2,279.00 |
| 120821 10/07/2021 | CHK | SHOP | THE SHOPPER'S WEEKLY | LOGO CHIP CLIPS | 651.00 |
| 120822 10/07/2021 | CHK | TOZIER | TOZIER BROS, INC | STOCK FOR WATER TRUCKS | 56.42 |
| 120823 10/07/2021 | CHK | UTILI1 | UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION | MONTHLY UNDERGROUND LOCATES | 141.68 |

Total Payments for Bank Account - 4 : (66) 202,754.38

Total Voids for Bank Account - 4 : (0) 0.00

Total for Bank Account - 4 : (66) 202,754.38

Grand Total for Payments : (66) 202,754.38

Grand Total for Voids : (0) 0.00

Grand Total : (66) 202,754.38

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Accounts Payable Check Register

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PARAMETERS ENTERED:**Check Date:** 09/27/2021 To 10/08/2021**Bank:** All**Vendor:** All**Check:****Journal:** All**Format:** Summary**Extended Reference:** No**Sort By:** Check/Transaction**Voids:** Current**Payment Type:** All**Group By Payment Type:** No**Minimum Amount:** 0.00**Authorization Listing:** No**Credit Card Charges:** No

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**GENERAL LEDGER
TRANSACTION DETAIL**

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OCT 2021 To OCT 2021

| Date | Journal Description | Actv BU Project | Mod | Jrnl Reference Code | |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-------------|------------------------|-----------|
| Account: 0 131.2 CASH-GENERAL FUND (DISTRICT) | | | Department: | 0 | |
| 10/01/21 | 61685 Check Print | 0 | PL | 2 PAYROLL | 67,309.95 |

PARAMETERS ENTERED:**Division:** All**Accounts:** 0 131.2**Department:** All**Activity:** All**Sort By:** Div/Acct**Date Selection:** Period**Period:** OCT 2021 To OCT 2021**Module:** PL**Journal Activity:** All**Accounts With No Transactions:** Yes**Extended Reference:** No**Interface Detail:** No**Group by Department:** Yes

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Karnold

The purpose of this revision to the electric, water, and joint use fee schedules are to update the fees to be in line with the actual cost to provide service.

Fees have not been updated in over a decade. The PUD provides at-cost services, so the fees are adjusted to reflect that.

- The overtime fee, for instance, does not currently cover the cost of employees and trucks for the two-hour minimum for overtime response. We want to be available to our customers on nights and weekends for non-emergency work, but if they want the after-hours response, they need to fully compensate the rest of the ratepayers for the overtime and fleet expense.
- The disconnect/reconnect fees have also been adjusted. Customers who regularly wait to make arrangements on their accounts until trucks have rolled to the homes to disconnect (and to back to reconnect) cost the District extra time and expense in manpower hours and fleet expense to respond twice to each meter.

The fees are meant to deter customers from getting to that point, but also to cover the costs to the rest of the ratepayers if the trucks and crew must go to the meter for disconnect/reconnect.

*Note: We still offer scheduled, complimentary line drops for customers who need power disconnected or reconnected during regular business hours to perform work at their properties. We view this as part of our regular course of business that is covered by monthly basic charges by our customers.

- Meter check fee also covers the cost to roll a truck to double check a meter. If there is a meter issue, the District will always cover the cost to replace or repair the meter at no charge to the customer; however, some customers insist on additional meter check reads when disputing their bills, even when we can tell that the meter is fully operational. If customers still insist, at least the costs to perform the meter check will be covered.
- There has been an increase in meter tampering, especially on the water side. We have increased those fees for the first time in over 10 years to help dissuade people from tampering with the meter and illegally using power and water.
- The credit reporting fee has been reduced from \$15 to \$3. It was decided that the process of running the credit check is already built into the account set up process and that it was better to charge for the actual cost of the credit check, which is about \$3 per credit check.
- The unauthorized pole attachment fee for the Joint Use fee schedule has been modified to simplify the cost per unauthorized attachment, per pole. Rather than have groupings of poles with different parameters of charging for attachments, it makes more sense to have them be per singular pole.

WATER RATE SCHEDULE For 2021

Revised April 1, 2021/Established 2000

RESIDENTIAL & SMALL COMMERCIAL RATE CLASS

METERED RATE-CUBIC FEET:

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|
| First 400 cu. ft. or less | \$53.70/month |
| 401 to 1000 cu. ft. | \$2.16/100 cu. ft |
| 1001 cu. ft. & above | \$2.68/100 cu. Ft |

METERED RATE-GALLONS:

| | |
|----------------------------|----------------|
| First 3000 gallons or less | \$53.70/month |
| 3001 to 7500 gallons | .002880/gallon |
| 7501 gallons & above | .003616/gallon |

IRRIGATION:

| | |
|---------------------------|-----------|
| Meter Charge | \$4476.86 |
| Usage Charge (\$ per CCF) | \$1.25 |

System Development Fee \$4,733.00

***A System Development Fee does not mean that there are available hook-ups for new services. Please contact Mason County PUD #1 for information on availability at 360- 877-5249 or 1-800-544-4223*

Fill Charge \$5.76

MISCELLANEOUS CUSTOMER CHARGES

~~Service Set-up Charge~~ Credit Check Fee \$ 315.00

SECURITY DEPOSITS-

Owner/Non-Owner Residential \$ 100.00*
(Without Satisfactory Credit Check)

General Service Customers \$ 100.00*
(Without Satisfactory Credit Check)

Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History \$ 200.00*

Irrigation 2 month average high
(Industry standard usage if not available)

* OR Two Month High -Whichever is greater

OTHER CHARGES

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Disconnect Non-Pay or Field Collection | \$ 75 25.00 |
| Reconnect Service during Working Hours | \$ 75 15.00 |
| Reconnect during non-working hours or check on customer outages (no charge for utility problems) | \$ 300 150.00 |

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|--|---|
| Disconnect and Reconnect Within 3 Years | Basic Service Charge For Each Month the Service Is Disconnected |
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|---|---|
| Disconnect and Reconnect after 3 Years | 1/2 half of the System Development Fee |
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|---|------|
| Late charge on unpaid balance over 30 days | 1.5% |
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| Smart Meter Opt Out Can have meter manually read every month | \$ 25.00/month |
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|----------------|----------|
| NSF Fee | \$ 50.00 |
|----------------|----------|

Meter Tampering

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| **Cut or missing seal plus reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 200 100.00 |
| **Unauthorized connect or reconnect of meter plus usage and reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 250 125.00 |
| **Water Diversion plus estimated water used | \$ 1250.00 |

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Associated Service Charge, Fees, Expenses from Local, State of Federal Agencies | Actual Cost |
|--|-------------|

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|---|-------------|
| Temporary Service (Installation/Removal) | Actual Cost |
|---|-------------|

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|---|-------------|
| Crew/Servicemen Standby (Customer Request) | Actual Cost |
|---|-------------|

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|--|-------------|
| Customers Damage to District's Property | Actual Cost |
|--|-------------|

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|--------------------|-----------|
| Hydrant Use | |
| Use Fee | \$ 100.00 |
| Six-Month Permit | \$ 600.00 |

METER INSTALLATION FEES

| | |
|----------------------|-------------|
| 5/8-Inch or 3/4-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 1-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 1 1/2-Inch | Actual Cost |
| 2-Inch and Above | Actual Cost |

PUD NO. 1 of MASON COUNTY
21971 N. Hwy 101
Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 877-5249 or 1-800-544-4223

ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES (Last Rate Change: April 1, [20192021](#))

Residential Service

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$38.00/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08301 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

General Service Single Phase

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$48.57/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08947 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Residential Low-Use (NEW)

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Less than 450KWH/month | |
| Basic Charge | \$38.83/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08301 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

General Service Three Phase

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------|
| Basic Charge | \$60.00/month |
| Plus all KWH usage @ | .08822 per kwh |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Security Lights

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| 100 Watt, High Pressure Sodium | \$12.12/month |
| Pole Charge | \$2.89/month |
| State Public Utility Tax | 3.873% |
| State Privilege Tax | 2.14% |

Misc. Customer Service Charges

AMR Meter Opt-Out Fee \$25.00/month*

*Must sign an Opt-Out Contract to be eligible

Deposits:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Residential Customers-Without satisfactory credit check | \$ 100.00* |
| Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History | \$ 200.00* |
| General Service Customers | \$ 500.00* |
| Prior Disconnect/Bad Credit History | \$ 1000.00* |

* OR Two Month High -Whichever is greater

~~Service Charge (to set up or modify an account)~~**Credit Check Fee** \$ ~~3.00~~[15.00](#)

Meter Check (if no problem found) \$ ~~75~~[25](#).00

Disconnect Non-Pay or Field Collection \$ ~~75~~[25](#).00

Reconnect

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| Non-Pay working hours | \$ 75 15.00 |
| Reconnect during non-working hours or check on customer outages (no charge for utility problems) | \$ 300 150.00 |
| Reconnect same customer within one year - Residential | \$38.00/month |
| Reconnect same customer within one year - General Service | \$48.57/month 10 |
| | \$60.00/month 30 |

Meter Tampering

| | |
|---|--------------------------|
| **Cut or missing seal plus reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 200 100.00 |
| **Unauthorized connect or reconnect of meter plus usage and reconnect fee of \$ 75 15.00 | \$ 250 125.00 |
| **Power Diversion plus estimated KWH used | \$ 1250.00 |

**This represents the minimum charge. The District reserves the right to recover all damages allowed by law.

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| Bad check charge | \$ 50.00 |
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| Late charge | 1.5% |
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EXHIBIT A Joint Use Rate/Fee Schedule

Rates and Fees

| | |
|---|---|
| Pole Attachment Rate (per attachment* – billed annually) | \$21.00 |
| Unauthorized Attachment Inspection Fee: | |
| 1-3 Immediately Adjacent Poles (flat fee – billed when work performed) | \$110.00 |
| 4-6 Immediately Adjacent Poles (flat fee – billed when work performed) | \$220.00 |
| Greater than 6 Poles | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Make-Ready Work | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Attachment Transfers | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Pole Loading Analysis | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| District Removal of Unauthorized Attachments | <i>All costs and staff time at standard billable rate</i> |
| Failure to Maintain Emergency Contact Fee | \$100.00 |

*RCW 54.04.045(1)(a)

ALTERATIONS: This schedule may be revised, supplemented, or otherwise modified only by action of the Commission. In emergency situations, the manager of the District may make such reasonable modifications as they deem necessary provided, however, such modifications are reported to the Commission at its next official meeting.

Effective July 1, 2019

From: [Kristin Masteller](#)
To: [Julie Gray](#)
Subject: FW: Friday Facts for October 8, 2021
Date: Monday, October 11, 2021 8:32:27 AM

Pdf for correspondence please.

From: wpuda@memberclicks-mail.net <wpuda@memberclicks-mail.net>
Sent: Friday, October 8, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Kristin Masteller <kristinm@mason-pud1.org>
Subject: Friday Facts for October 8, 2021



Friday Facts

A weekly update from the Washington Public Utility Districts Association

October 8, 2021

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Executive Director Message

I hope all of you were able to celebrate Public Power Week. It is a reminder of how important our work is to providing safe, affordable, and reliable utility services. Large, small, east, west, water, power, or telecommunications, we are what keeps our communities strong and resilient. Every member of your PUD is a member of the PUD family. Each day should be a celebration of our proud history and our exciting future. If the past is prologue we are in great shape.

Have an exceptional weekend.

George

In the News

Skagit's Micro-Hydro Project Highlighted on Innovation Nation

Skagit PUD will be featured in an upcoming episode of Innovation Nation — a weekly Saturday morning show on CBS that showcases present-day change-makers from all over the world who are creating solutions to real needs.

The episode, which will air in 2022, focuses on a newly installed micro-hydroelectric system that generates clean, renewable electricity by harvesting excess pressure from Skagit PUD's water pipelines. A film crew was in Mount Vernon to interview General Manager George Sidhu about the innovative project (pictured below).

[consecutive Treasury payment](#)

[Two hearings remain on schedule of public hearings on Power Plan](#)

[Lawmakers urged to take action on new water pollutants](#)

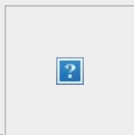
[Climate hawks reject compromise in reconciliation bill](#)

2021 Calendar

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Committee meeting - virtual

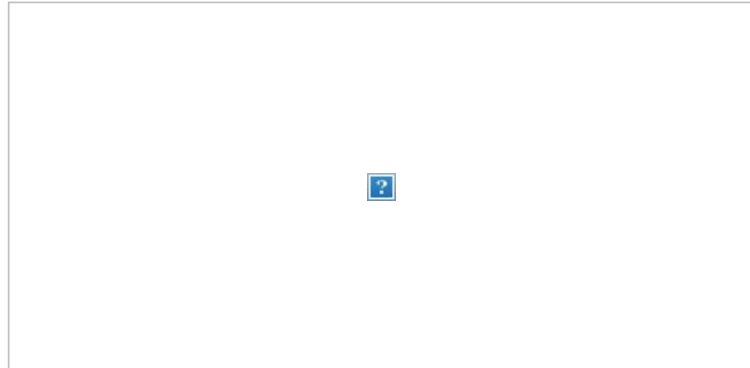
Nov 17-19
Association meetings-virtual

Dec 1-3
Annual Conference-virtual



Pipes Are Going in the Ground for Skagit PUD's transmission pipeline project

Skagit PUD Commissioners Germaine Kornegay, Andrew Miller, and Joe Lindquist (pictured below) celebrate the first stick of pipe going in the ground for the Judy Reservoir to Mount Vernon Transmission Pipeline Project. The two-year, \$35.6 million project includes installing five miles of 36-inch diameter welded steel transmission pipeline, 1,900 feet of horizontal directional drilling under a creek, constructing a new 200-foot single-span bridge, and roadway crossings of two state highways.



PUDs celebrate Public Power Week

Washington PUDs marked Public Power Week with a variety of events and activities to draw attention to the value public utilities provide communities.

Okanogan PUD hosted four booths in different communities – two outside grocery stores and two at farmers' markets – with kids' packets, efficiency info, and free LED lightbulbs! They had sent over 8,000 four-packs of bulbs out to customers but had extras for those customers they may have missed at the booths and in the PUD's four offices.

On Thursday, each staff member received a multitool and a yummy cupcake from a local bakery. The PUD also held a coloring contest for kids.

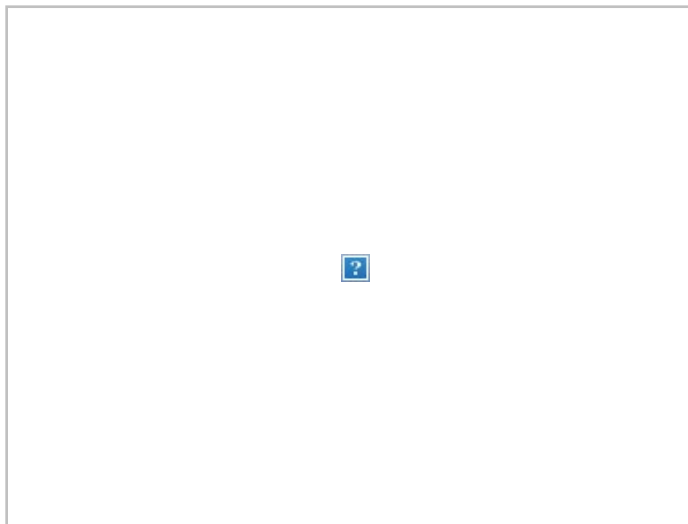
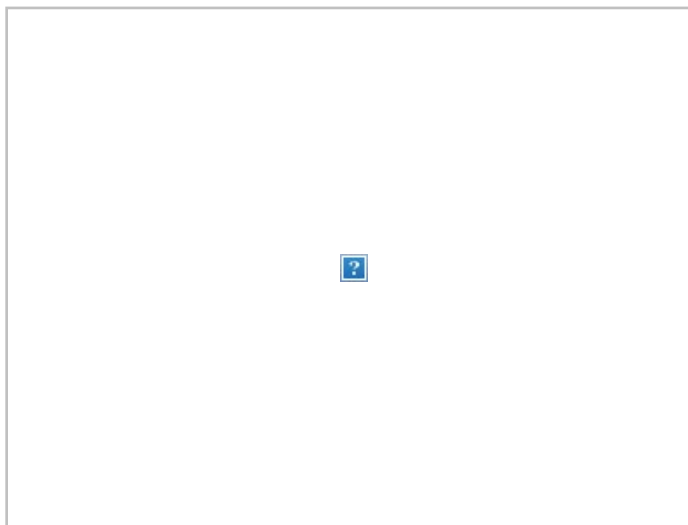
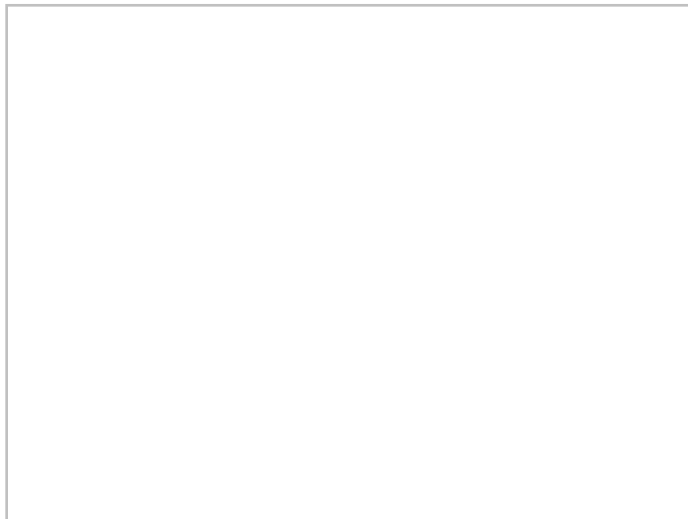
Pictured below: Okanogan PUD Energy Services Coordinator Kim Johnson and PR Coordinator Sheila Corson at Omak Farmers' Market booth



Mason PUD No. 1 held its annual customer appreciation event. This year they decided to maintain the successful drive-thru format from last year. Mason PUD No. 1 customers lined up to receive goody bags, and BBQ lunches prepared by the PUD Commissioners and staff. They also received conservation kits. The event is well attended with hundreds of PUD customers lining up to participate.

Pictured below (from top to bottom): Commissioner Jack Janda distributing goody bags, Commissioner Ron Gold assembling lunch bags, Commissioner Mike Sheetz on BBQ duty, General Manager Kristen Masteller posing with Mason County Commissioner Kevin Shutty.



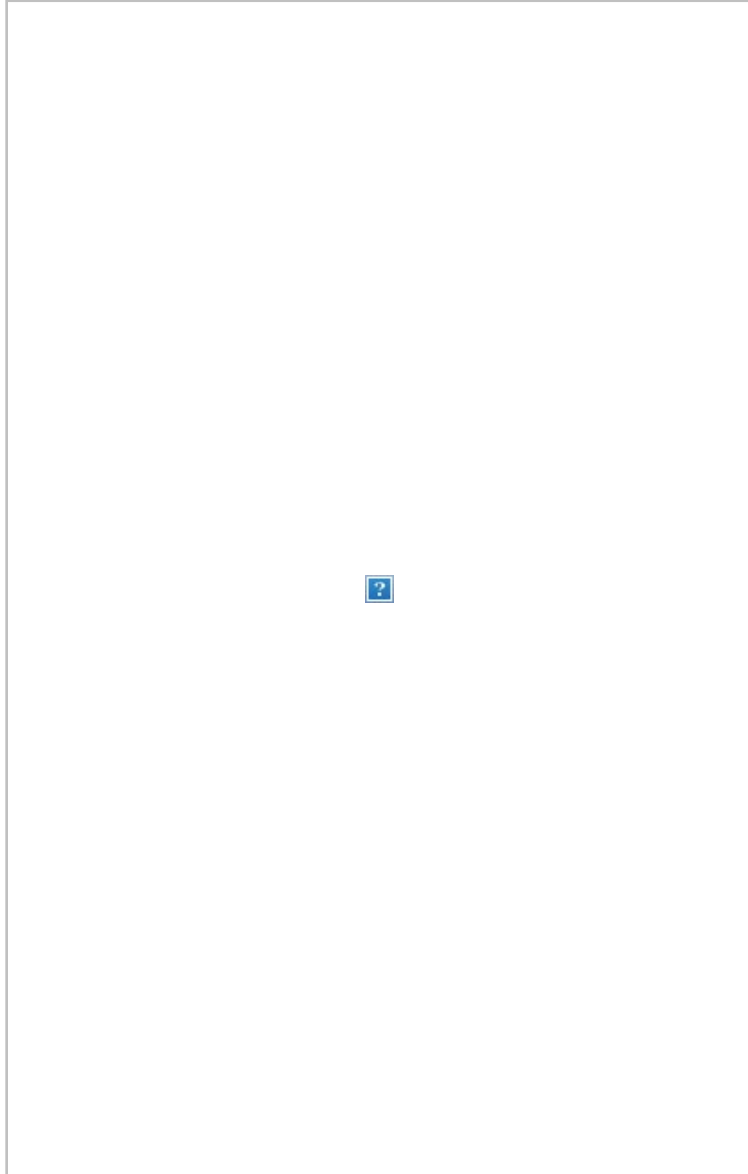


Lewis County PUD decided to again focus on virtual engagement activities this year for Public Power Week. The PUD displayed a webpage on the PUD's website that contained educational resources for kids and area teachers.

Every day of Public Power Week, the PUD posted trivia questions on

their Facebook page. PUD Customers who answered the trivia questions correctly were entered into a daily drawing to receive one of several energy efficiency kits which include 3-11W LED light bulbs, 1-7W LED light bulb with battery backup, 1-9W LED light bulb, a 7-outlet smart power strip, a thermostatic shutoff valve (TSV) 2.0 GPM showerhead. The PUD also took out ads with local print media outlets

Pictured below: Lewis County PUD social media trivia contest post.



Benton County PUD used Public Power Week to highlight "The People Behind Public Power" in a video series promoted on the PUD's social media platforms. The PUD showed customers the faces behind public power and the various roles they play to keep the lights on. Check out Benton County PUD's videos [here](#).

Franklin County PUD also focused on highlighting "The People Behind Public Power" and featuring employees on social media. The employees shared some great stories and the postings allowed customers to get to know employees. Pictured below is a Facebook post featuring Franklin PUD's General Manager.



Pacific County PUD knows what its customers enjoy. The PUD spent Public Power Week giving away goodies and smiles from PUD staff at the PUD office.



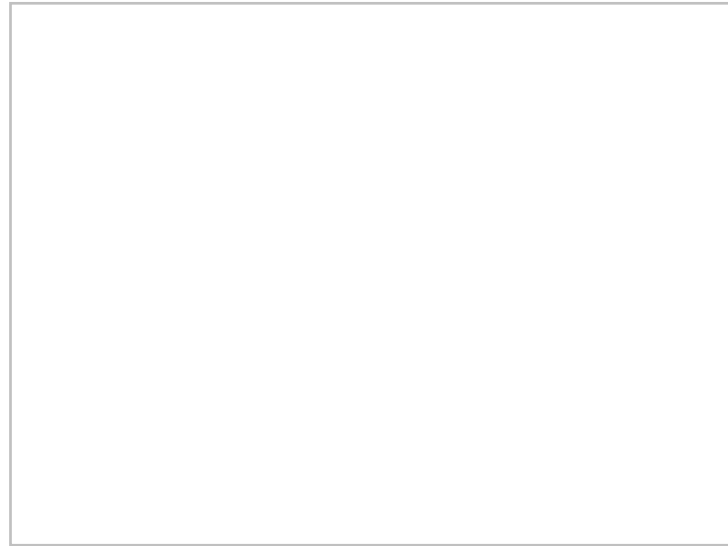
Douglas County PUD celebrated Public Power Week with goodies for customers in the PUD lobby and social media posts and advertising.

Pictured below: Douglas County PUD lobby dressed up for Public Power Week. Douglas County PUD social media post.



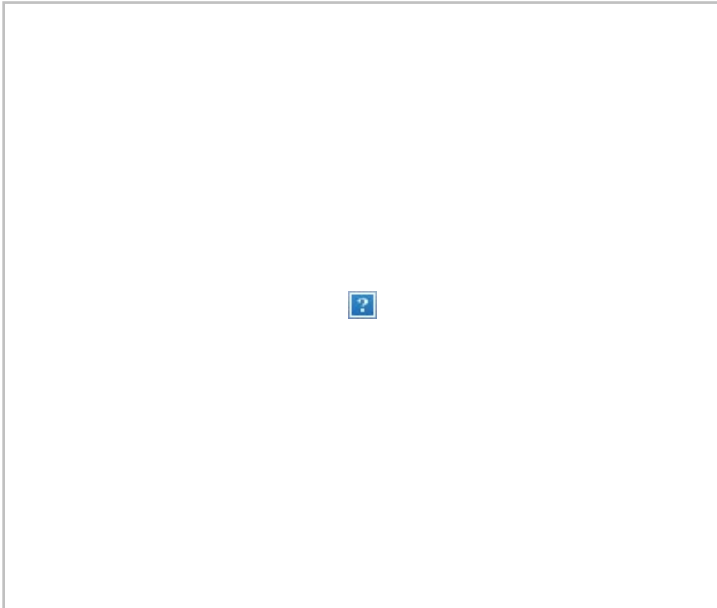
Grays Harbor County PUD took to the airwaves to celebrate Public Power Week. GM Schuyler Burkhart and Commissioner Jon Martin took the public power message on the air on Tuesday, joining KXRO Newsradio in Aberdeen to talk about the PUD and the mission of public power.

Pictured below: Schuyler Burkhart and Commissioner Martin on the air.



Pend Oreille PUD celebrated Public Power Week by welcoming customers to stop by a tent the PUD set up outside every day this week and pick up a coupon for a free coffee or ice cream at local businesses. The PUD also gave out blankets and held a drawing for some PUD swag bags full of great logoed items.

Pictured below: PUD Employee Philip Roice & Destini Parker along with a PUD customer.



In Other News

[Poll finds most Washington voters support plan to breach the Snake River Dams](#) - Spokesman Review

Broadband

Washington State Broadband Office infrastructure grant program now open

The Washington State Broadband Office will award approximately \$266 million in broadband infrastructure grants in at least two funding rounds planned for October 2021 and April 2022. The current funding round will have approximately \$135 million in federal funds available with the remainder available in April 2022.

Entities eligible to apply:

- Local governments, including public ports and public utility districts
- Federally-recognized Tribes
- Nonprofit organizations
- Nonprofit cooperative organizations
- Multiparty entities that consist of at least one public partner

Eligible projects will construct broadband infrastructure designed to deliver broadband service, as part of a contiguous network, that:

- **at minimum**, delivers transmission speeds of 100 megabits per second (Mbps) download and 100 megabits per second upload (100/100 Mbps) unless impracticable due to geography, topography or financial cost in which case speeds of 100/20 Mbps are acceptable if scalable to 100/100 Mbps, and
- is deployed in unserved areas, defined as areas lacking access to reliable (wireline connection) service at speeds of at least 25/3 Mbps.

Projects will be prioritized based on competitive criteria including, but not limited to:

- Project readiness
- Service to underserved areas that lack access to reliable speeds of at least 100/20 Mbps
- Regional collaboration
- Last-mile connections
- Affordability for end-users
- Digital equity considerations on access, affordability, and digital literacy

Grant awards are expected to range from \$1 million to \$25 million per project.

Pre-application due: Oct. 18, 2021

By Nov. 8, 2021, qualified projects will be notified and invited to complete the full application, due by Nov. 29, 2021.

Contact: Tammy Mastro at wsbo@commerce.wa.gov

Water

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund construction loan applications now being accepted

The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Program is now accepting construction Loan applications. The Drinking Water State Revolving Fund makes funds available to drinking water systems to pay for infrastructure improvements. The program is funded through federal and state money and is subject to state laws and additional federal regulations.

The program provides:

- Low-interest construction loans to publicly- (municipal) and privately-owned drinking water systems. These loans cover capital improvements that increase public health and compliance with drinking water regulations.
- Loan repayments can range from 20 to 30 years. In some cases, partial loan forgiveness is offered.
- Consolidation Feasibility Study grants.

To submit an application use the DWSRF on-line system, WALT. The program guidelines, application worksheet, EZ-1 Form, and WALT Users Guide are available on the [DWSRF Webpage](#). The application deadline is November 30, 2021.

Pre-registration is required to access WALT. For entities already in the WALT system, no action is needed. For WALT Pre-registration, please email dwsrf@doh.wa.gov.

2021 Construction Loan Cycle Program webinars are available October 13 and November 17, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. The MS Teams meeting link is available on the [DWSRF Webpage](#).

October is National Cybersecurity Awareness Month

EPA offers tips and technical assistance to enhance cybersecurity at water and wastewater utilities

Cyber incidents threaten the ability of water and wastewater utilities to provide reliable service and clean and safe water to customers. During National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, you are encouraged to take proactive steps to enhance cybersecurity and resilience at your utility.

Week 1: Get familiar with cyber basics

- Enable multi-factor authentication
- Use strong passphrases/password manager
- Perform software updates

Week 2: Institute fundamentals for shoring up phishing defenses

- Know the Red Flags - Awkward and unusual formatting, overly explicit call outs to click a hyperlink or open an attachment, and subject lines that create a sense of urgency.
- Verify the Source - If you sense any red flags that something may be out of place or unusual, reach out directly to the individual to confirm whether the content is authentic and safe.
- Aware of Vishing and Other Phishing Offshoots - It is imperative that individuals be wary of any sort of communication that asks for personal information whether it be via email, phone or chat -- especially if the communication is unexpected.

Free cybersecurity assessment and technical assistance:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Horsley Witten Group (HWG) is offering free, confidential, cybersecurity assessments and technical assistance to interested water and wastewater utilities. The assessment consists of a questionnaire completed with HWG staff, and the technical assistance consists of developing a cyber action plan based on the results of your utility's assessment, focused on best practices to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a cyber incident. Adoption of these practices can reduce the likelihood that a cyber-attack will be successful and potentially enable your utility to recover from any cyber-attacks faster and at a lower cost. EPA and HWG are offering these assessments and technical assistance virtually, no on-site visit is

required. [Click here to schedule an appointment now.](#)

Energy

Benton PUD GM selected to service on Columbia Basin Collaborative

Rick Dunn, Benton PUD General Manager was selected as one of two utility stakeholder representatives from the four northwest states to serve on the Columbia Basin Collaborative's Integration/Recommendation Group (I/RG).

The I/RG will seek consensus agreement on proposed actions and develop recommendations to federal, state, tribal and other decision-makers on issues affecting salmon and steelhead recovery in the Columbia River Basin.

"I am humbled and honored to be selected to serve in this position," said Rick Dunn. "This is an opportunity for electric utility customers throughout the northwest to have a voice at the table. Northwest hydropower provides clean energy like nowhere else in the country and is the foundation of affordable, reliable, and environmentally responsible electricity supplies for 127 public power and tribal utilities in five states. I look forward to contributing to the honest, transparent, and respectful dialogue we are going to need to develop innovative solutions for salmon and steelhead recovery that also consider the complex and diverse interests represented by the Collaborative."

Having lived most of his life in south-central Washington's Benton County, Dunn knows first-hand what the rivers in the Columbia Basin mean to our region. And with over thirty-five years of electrical power and utility engineering, operations, and management experience, Dunn is a leader well-versed on the challenge of balancing complex energy and environmental issues. His recent engagement and expertise on regional clean energy policies and grid reliability are expected to be a valuable contribution as he serves side-by-side representatives from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, Columbia Basin Tribes, the federal action agencies who own, operate and market the federal hydro system, NOAA National Marine Fisheries, and other interested stakeholders.

The I/RG is scheduled to convene later this Fall, with recommendations scheduled to be released by the end of 2022.

BPA makes 38th consecutive Treasury payment

The Bonneville Power Administration made its 38th consecutive U.S. Treasury payment Oct. 5, on time and in full. This year's \$1.05 billion payment brings BPA's cumulative payments to the Treasury to more than \$32 billion since 1984.

This year's payment to the U.S. Treasury includes \$806 million in principal and \$187 million in interest. The remaining \$56 million covers a variety of other costs, including irrigation assistance that BPA provides to help irrigators repay their share of certain Bureau of Reclamation projects.

"I am pleased to announce our 38th consecutive annual treasury payment," said Marcus Harris, BPA's chief financial officer. "In the face of challenges such as Northwest wildfires, severe weather and an ongoing pandemic, BPA's operational and financial position remain strong as we close out this period and begin a new fiscal year and rate cycle."

Fiscal year 2021 brought the start of the next phase of the Regional Cooperation Debt program, a multi-year collaboration with Energy Northwest that allows for the extension of low-cost debt. While the first phase of the program focused on repaying high-interest federal appropriations, this phase focuses on repaying federal bonds to replenish revolving Treasury borrowing authority. This year, Regional Cooperation Debt was extended, allowing for the early amortization of a

like amount of \$332 million in U.S. Treasury bonds.

BPA is a self-financed power marketing administration that receives no annual appropriation funding from Congress. Instead, BPA recovers its costs primarily through the sale of electric power and transmission services.

Each year BPA pays back to the U.S. Treasury a portion of the taxpayers' investment in the Federal Columbia River Power System, which includes the federal hydropower dams that produce renewable electricity and the transmission system. BPA sets its rates to maintain an annual 97.5% probability of making this payment.

Two hearings remain on schedule of public hearings on Power Plan

Two public hearings remain on the schedule of hearings to accept public comments on the Draft 2021 Northwest Power Plan, which the Council released September 14 for a 60-day comment period, through November 19.

The Northwest Power Act of 1980 requires the Council to conduct at least one public hearing in each of the four Northwest states represented on the Council when accepting public comments on a draft Northwest Power Plan or Columbia River Basin Fish and Wildlife Program. In order to protect public health during the pandemic, the Council has decided not to conduct in-person hearings. Instead, each of the states will host an online hearing, and persons are encouraged to attend their state's hearing. However, people who live outside the host state are welcome to attend the hearings and testify.

Yesterday, October 7 was the hearing hosted by Washington State.

The remaining hearings are scheduled as follows:

- October 12: 1:30-3:30pm Pacific (2:30-4:30pm Mountain), hosted by Oregon
- October 14: 5-7pm Mountain (4-6pm Pacific), hosted by Idaho

The draft plan looks 20 years into the future and charts a course for the Northwest electricity system. That system is transitioning away from fossil fuels to adapt to the changing economics of the power supply and to comply with state, local, and utility policies to lower carbon emissions.

The resource strategy of the draft plan recommends a power supply comprising:

- existing hydropower, which provides flexibility to support new renewable energy projects
- solar
- wind
- energy efficiency
- demand response (voluntary reductions in use during periods of high demand, with compensation)
- imports of power from outside the Northwest
- existing nuclear power
- electricity from remaining power plants fueled by coal
- natural gas plants to help during periods of high demand

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Lawmakers urged to take action on new water pollutants

Experts testifying Wednesday before a House subcommittee urged lawmakers to take action in addressing so-called forever chemicals, microplastics, and other emerging contaminants that are increasingly polluting the nation's waters and posing human health risks.

Wednesday's hearing before a House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee comes as Democrats are seeking to pass several related bills and the EPA prepares to issue a road map for its plans in dealing with per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS, often described as forever chemicals because they take so long to break down in the environment.

The Clean Water Act provides enough authority for the states and EPA to address newly identified harmful chemicals such as PFAS, Elizabeth Southerland testified.

"They have not done so, however, because they lack a national list of priority contaminants in the nation's waters and a coordinated monitoring program by federal, state, and interstate agencies that proactively looks for these contaminants," Southerland said. "We are currently suffering from a reactive system that waits for a public health or environmental crisis to occur before we begin monitoring and even considering controls."

Southerland served at the EPA from January 1984 until August 2017 when she retired as director of the Office of Science and Technology in the Office of Water.

She recommended that Congress require a priority list of newly identified harmful chemicals for use by federal and state water monitoring programs so the EPA and state officials can control discharges of the chemicals under the Clean Water Act.

Southerland also recommended that the EPA use its authority under the Toxic Substances Control Act to require companies to provide toxicity assessments for any priority contaminants they manufacture, import, or use.

Environmental groups are eagerly awaiting a PFAS plan from the EPA, with both hope and some trepidation.

During a recent call with reporters, Scott Faber, senior vice president for government affairs at the Environmental Working Group, noted that the group estimates more than 200 million Americans are drinking PFAS-contaminated water.

He said EWG hopes the forthcoming EPA plan will set standards for PFAS in drinking water, finalize a groundwater cleanup standard, restrict industrial PFAS discharges into the air and water, designate PFAS as hazardous substances under the Superfund law and other steps.

But the group also said it has concern the EPA plan might be less ambitious than they would like based on a proposal EPA released last month that would restrict PFAS discharges from industries such as chemical manufacturers and chrome plating facilities, but not apply those restrictions to other potential polluters such as paper mills, tanneries and plastic molders.

Regulating PFAS chemicals has garnered at least some bipartisan support.

For example, one proposal (HR 2467) would place PFAS chemicals

under a national drinking water standard, designate them as harmful air pollutants and label them as hazardous under the federal Superfund law. It passed the House in July with the support of 23 Republicans.

But even Republicans who support taking action on PFAS have cautioned about moving too aggressively in restricting chemicals that have many productive uses.

Rep. David Rouzer, R-N.C., was one of those who supported the bill and said during Wednesday's hearing that he understands the issue, given that in his state PFAS contaminants known as GenX were discharged into the Cape Fear River from upstream industrial facilities and have required millions of dollars in cleanup costs.

But Rouzer also stressed that much remains unknown about the chemicals and described the need to promote a strong U.S. manufacturing base. He said policymakers can't make "emotion-based regulatory decisions" when it comes to tackling PFAS contamination.

He highlighted how wastewater facilities often have to deal with PFAS pollution even though they didn't create the problem, and methods for treating it can be expensive. That can result in additional financial burdens on ratepayers.

"As our government moves forward to address PFAS, it is essential we keep in mind the need for further information on PFAS and the economic impacts of cleanup on communities," Rouzer said.

Climate hawks reject compromise in reconciliation bill

The debate over climate-related provisions in the Democrats' budget reconciliation package sharpened Thursday as several left-leaning senators, joined by environmental activist groups, urged more moderate lawmakers to include aggressive steps to address climate change in the legislation.

"We must act in Congress before Joe Biden goes to meet with the rest of the world," Sen. Edward J. Markey, D-Mass., said at a Thursday news conference across from the U.S. Capitol. "President Biden must be able to put a deal on the table that reflects what we then expect from the rest of the world so that we begin a downward trajectory in terms of the greenhouse gases that are going up into the atmosphere."

As negotiations continue over the size and scope of the budget reconciliation package, any significant drop in its \$3.5 trillion overall number will require trimming parts of the package, and those at Thursday's event made clear they will fight any effort to put climate provisions on the chopping block.

Markey went through specifics, calling for a Civilian Climate Corps intended to put Americans to work fighting climate change, a clean electricity standard to push utilities toward renewable energy sources and an overhaul of the tax code to promote clean energy while eliminating "outdated, unnecessary" fossil fuel incentives.

He also said "natural gas is not clean energy and it is not climate action."

Thursday's event comes as a pair of moderate Senate Democrats, Joe Manchin III of West Virginia and Kyrsten Sinema of Arizona, have been pushing to pare back the proposed reconciliation package. Moderate Democrats in the House have pushed for a vote on the separate bipartisan bill that has already passed the Senate before considering

any reconciliation package.

To pass the budget reconciliation package with a simple majority, Democrats will need every member of the caucus, which includes two independents, to vote for the legislation, with Vice President Kamala Harris casting the tie-breaking vote.

Manchin has emerged as a significant roadblock to climate proposals, having laid out a number of related red lines in an agreement he signed with Senate Majority Leader Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., when he voted to take the first steps in the budget reconciliation process. That agreement was obtained by Politico and confirmed by a Democratic aide.

Among the positions Manchin staked out was a defense of tax provisions benefitting oil and gas companies, as well as the role of natural gas and carbon capture technology. He also insisted that the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee he chairs retain sole jurisdiction over a clean electricity standard.

Ron Wyden, D-Ore., chair of the Senate Finance Committee, suggested at Thursday's event that they could find some common ground with Manchin based on a line in the agreement he signed that said he wanted climate provisions to be "fuel neutral." Wyden said that fits with his own proposals supported by Finance Committee Democrats to consolidate existing energy tax credits and tie them to reducing carbon emissions.

Speaking to reporters Wednesday, Manchin reiterated that his overall number for a reconciliation package is \$1.5 trillion. He did not specifically mention climate change and stressed that it's more important to get the legislation right than to do it quickly.

Republicans, meanwhile, already are going after Democrats for the climate proposals under discussion.

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., devoted a chunk of his Thursday morning floor speech to criticizing a proposed methane fee and a clean energy standard that he said would raise costs for ratepayers.

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