



**Mason County PUD No. 1
Budget Workshop & Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 2024
11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.**

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

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

1) Budget Workshop- 11:00 a.m.

2) 1:00 p.m.- Call Regular Business Meeting to Order

3) 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.*

4) Consent Agenda

Minutes:	Regular Board Meeting October 22, 2024	
Disbursements:	Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 262,276.12
	Check Nos. 125710-125798	\$ 273,463.28
	Payroll Wire	\$ 91,903.47
	Grand Total	\$ 627,642.87

5) Business Agenda

- a. HRA VEBA Program Changes
- b. Set Public Rate Hearing for Sewer & Power Rates

6) Staff Reports

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

7) Correspondence

8) Board Comments

9) Other Business/Public Comment

10) Executive Session may be held as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.110)

11) Adjourn

2024 Calendar Reminder

Nov 13-15 WPUDA Association Meetings, Olympia



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1
Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting
October 22, 2024, Potlatch, Washington

Present:

Jack Janda, President (virtually)
Ron Gold, Vice President
Mike Sheetz, Board Secretary
Kristin Masteller, General Manager
Katie Arnold, District Treasurer
Brandy Milroy, Water Resource Manager

Visitors: None

Excused: Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER: Jack called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes:	Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2024	
Disbursements:	Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 246,177.00
	Check Nos. 125653-125709	\$1,032,329.01
	Payroll Wire	\$ 83,958.19
	Grand Total	\$1,362,464.20

Ron made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Business Agenda:

PPC Executive Committee Nominations– The board provided feedback to the General Manager on the voting process for the Public Power Council’s executive committee elections and asked her to submit it to PPC.

Approve list of Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Grant Projects– Ron made a motion to approve the list of DWSRF projects as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

September 2024 Financial Report– Katie gave the report for the September 2024 financials.

Financial Highlights:

- Revenue – Gross Revenue was \$1,052,325 for the month of September 2024.
- Expenditures –Gross expenditures were \$917,204 for the month of September 2024.
- As of September 30, the PUD has \$1,099,610 in grant reimbursements outstanding for ongoing projects, which is an equivalent of about 43 days of our cash on hand.



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1
 Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting
 October 22, 2024, Potlatch, Washington

Financial Metrics as Compared with Prior Year:	September 2024	September 2023
Total General Cash and Investments	\$1,087,351	\$975,242
Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	1.89 to 1	1.68 to 1
Debt Service Coverage (O&M/ Debt Service)	3.62	3.09
Long-Term Debt to Net Plant	24%	30%
Total Debt to Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities/Total Equity)	35%	39%
Long Term Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt / Total Equity)	29%	35%
Times Interest Earned Ratio (Earnings before Interest & Taxes/Total Interest)	6.07	4.26
Cash on Hand (Total Available Cash/Average Daily Costs)	43 Days (General) 165 Days (All Funds)	38 Days (General) 170 Days (All Funds)

Duckabush Project Change Order No. 3– Mike made a motion to approve Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$25,000; Ron seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Staff Reports –

General Manager – Kristin gave an update on the state audit questions regarding the use of the prequalified electrical contractors roster and transformer procurement. She and Katie are working with Rob to get the state auditors the information they need. She also stated that she is posting a job announcement for a Business Services Coordinator to join the management team and help with the workload since they have not backfilled after a retirement in 2023. Kristin gave an update on the Duckabush and Manzanita projects and the tideflats and T3 substation work that is upcoming.

District Treasurer – Katie gave an update on several of the grant applications that were submitted including ones that are due this year for FEMA BRIC, BPA conservation and DWSRF. Katie also is working with IT and the State Auditor’s office on a cyber security audit and has scheduled a reasonable suspicion training and is working on an active shooter training. She is working on 2025 budget.

Water Resource Manager – Brandy gave an update on the numerous well pump replacements that are underway at different systems and said the water crew is continuing the work on the lead service line inventories at Group A systems.

Legal Counsel – Rob was at an American Public Power Association conference this week. He is working with Katie to provide documentation for the state audit and will help Kristin on an interlocal agreement



Mason County Public Utility District No. 1
Board of Commissioners Special Board Meeting
October 22, 2024, Potlatch, Washington

between PUD 1 and FD 6 and the Sheriff's office on using the Manzanita House for training drills before it is demolished for the water storage project.

Correspondence – None.

Board Reports –

Mike – Nothing new to report since WPUDA water meetings last time.

Jack – Gave an update on the Energy Northwest new nuclear project now that the press release is public regarding the Small Modular Reactor partnership with Amazon.

Ron – Nothing new to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – None.

Adjourned: 11:20 a.m.

Jack Janda, President

Ron Gold, Vice President

Mike Sheetz, Secretary

11/07/2024 8:43:32 AM

Accounts Payable Check Register

Page 1

10/22/2024 To 11/07/2024

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
1122 11/01/2024	WIRE	IRS	WEST COAST BANK	FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY	33,896.37
1123 11/01/2024	WIRE	WASH 1	WA DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYS	STATE RETIREMENT - PLAN 2	24,193.09
1124 11/01/2024	WIRE	WASH 7	WA STATE TREAS-MS: PO-11	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	10,979.25
1125 11/01/2024	WIRE	HRA	HRA VEBA TRUST CONTRIBUTI	VEBA MEDICAL SAVINGS	4,107.96
1126 11/01/2024	WIRE	DSHS	DSHS	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES	241.45
1127 11/07/2024	WIRE	BPA	UMPQUA BANK	POWER USAGE	188,858.00
125710 10/22/2024	CHK	CAROW	CAROW, CINDI	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	581.81
125711 10/22/2024	CHK	GRAYJU	GRAY, JULIE	MONTHLY REIMBRUSEMENT	1,157.66
125712 10/22/2024	CHK	MUNCHR	MUNCH, ROY	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	917.60
125713 10/23/2024	CHK	42	CASSANDRA S STEIGER	TRAVEL PER DIEM-RENO, NV & PT. TOWNSEND	392.42
125714 10/24/2024	CHK	MASON CO COM	MASON COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVIC	MANZANITA SUBSTATION PERMIT	10,852.97
125715 10/25/2024	CHK	AAA	AAA SEPTIC TANK PUMPING	AUGUST INV-LAKE ARROWHEAD W STAR LAKE DR	260.00
125716 10/25/2024	CHK	ASW	ARCHBRIGHT	Q4 2024 L&I CLAIM ONLY SERVICE FEE	719.12
125717 10/25/2024	CHK	ATWORK!	ATWORK! COMMERCIAL ENTERPRISES	SEPTEMBER LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE	13,639.29
125718 10/25/2024	CHK	CENTUR	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE CHARGES ACCT#333887863	1,107.53
125719 10/25/2024	CHK	GONZALES, RU	RUDY GONZALES	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT	350.00
125720 10/25/2024	CHK	VERIZO	VERIZON WIRELESS	ISLAND LAKE MANOR, BEL AIRE,& SHADOWOOD	75.08
125721 10/25/2024	CHK	2	WARREN HOLZAPFEL	MULTI HEAD DUCTLESS HEATPUMP REBATE	800.00
125722 10/25/2024	CHK	2	MOONLIGHT RESORT LLC	DEPOSIT REFUND	500.00
125723 10/25/2024	CHK	2	MOONLIGHT RESORT LLC	DEPOSIT REFUND	500.00
125724 10/25/2024	CHK	2	CAROL SHEEDY	DEPOSIT REFUND	200.00
125725 10/25/2024	CHK	2	LINNE STUART	DEPOSIT REFUND	200.00
125726 10/25/2024	CHK	MASTELLER	KRISTIN MASTELLER	TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT	1,427.22
125727 10/29/2024	CHK	2M COMPANY	2M COMPANY INC	WATER NON INVENTORY PARTS	4,289.97
125728 10/29/2024	CHK	ANIXTER	ANIXTER INC	ELECTRIC INVENTORY PARTS-FUSE ELBOWS	8,164.46
125729 10/29/2024	CHK	DOH	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	MADRONA PARK WATER-SANITARY SURVEY	1,200.00

11/07/2024 8:43:32 AM

Accounts Payable Check Register

Page 2

10/22/2024 To 11/07/2024

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
125730 10/29/2024	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	DIESEL	1,429.15
125731 10/29/2024	CHK	ESD	EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPT	UNEMPLOYMENT-MARY DIGGLE	1,032.76
125732 10/29/2024	CHK	HACH	HACH COMPANY	MINERVA TERRACE WATER-CHLORINE READER	7,343.52
125733 10/29/2024	CHK	HDFOWL	HD FOWLER COMPANY	WATER NON INVENTORY PARTS	13,467.96
125734 10/29/2024	CHK	HIGH POINT NE	HIGH POINT NETWORKS LLC	VMWARE SERVER MAINTENANCE 3 YEAR SUBSCRI	4,047.23
125735 10/29/2024	CHK	KESTER	KESTER, GREGORY C.	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT	1,640.92
125736 10/29/2024	CHK	L.G.	L. G. ISAACSON CO. INC.	SAFETY VESTS & GLOVES (WATER DEPT)	464.85
125737 10/29/2024	CHK	NICHOL	NICHOLSON DRILLING, INC.	RAINBOW LAKE WATER-WELL PUMP	244.36
125738 10/29/2024	CHK	NORTHWEST RO	NORTHWEST ROCK, INC	ROCK	1,545.14
125739 10/29/2024	CHK	PITENY BOWES	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SER	RED INK CARTRIDGE & TAPE STRIPS	216.31
125740 10/29/2024	CHK	PLATT ELECTRI	PLATT	ELECTRIC NON INVENTORY PARTS-3-IN PVC	380.15
125741 10/29/2024	CHK	61	RANDAL REEVE	ENVIRONMENTAL WORK-JORSTAD & SEAL ROCK	4,100.00
125742 10/29/2024	CHK	ROHLIN	ROHLINGER ENTERPRISES INC	CLEAN & TEST LINEMEN'S GLOVES	136.02
125743 10/29/2024	CHK	USA	USA BLUEBOOK	(2)WALCHEM PUMPS	1,113.28
125744 10/29/2024	CHK	2	SUMMER BLAZE	REFUND-UNUSED LIHEAP ASSISTANCE	406.43
125745 10/29/2024	CHK	CITI CARDS	CITI CARDS	COSTCO CITI CARD ACCT NUMBER ENDING#4326	20,283.20
125746 10/30/2024	CHK	BLACK	BLACK STAR	MANZANITA CAMPUS SIGNS	469.15
125747 10/30/2024	CHK	BRUFF	BARNEY BRUFF	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE REIMBURSEMENT	350.00
125748 10/30/2024	CHK	BUILDERS	BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC	MANZANITA PROJECT-SUPPLIES	414.60
125749 10/30/2024	CHK	FERRIER	JANIECE FERRIER	MONTHLY REIMBURSEMENT-#51058600	1,548.81
125750 10/30/2024	CHK	HOOD CANAL	HOOD CANAL MARKET FRESH	SHOP SUPPLIES	95.06
125751 10/30/2024	CHK	USA	USA BLUEBOOK	RAINBOW LAKE WATER - PH MONITOR	2,412.99
125752 10/30/2024	CHK	VERIZO	VERIZON WIRELESS	MONTHLY TABLETS & (4) CELLULAR CHARGES	1,094.83
125753 10/30/2024	CHK	WPUDA	WASHINGTON PUD ASSOC.	WPUDA LEGISLATIVE RALLY-KRISTIN	110.00
125754 10/30/2024	CHK	WEST	WEST COAST MOBILE EQUIPMENT REP	EQUIPMENT #104-REPLACE RIGHT SIDE TRACT	673.32
125755 10/30/2024	CHK	2	Guy Anderson	REPLACEMENT CHECK-2023 Community Solar	4.37

11/07/2024 8:43:32 AM

Accounts Payable Check Register

Page 3

10/22/2024 To 11/07/2024

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
125756 10/30/2024	CHK	2	ANDREW COOPER	REPLACEMENT CHECK-FOR INACTIVE REFUND	86.20
125757 10/30/2024	CHK	2	ARCHIE M CULTEE	INACTIVE REFUND	762.00VOID
125758 10/30/2024	CHK	2	ELIZABETH DELIZO	REPLACE INACTIVE REFUND-CHECK #124873	50.00
125759 10/30/2024	CHK	2	SHANNON GELLER	REFUND APPLICATION FEE	100.00VOID
125760 10/30/2024	CHK	2	JAMESTOWN S'KLALLAM TRIBE	TROUTLODGE BRINNON-LIGHTING REBATE	3,739.40
125761 10/30/2024	CHK	2	BARBARA YOUNG	REPLACE LOST INACTIVE CHECK #124456	300.00
125762 10/31/2024	CHK	WASH 8	WASHINGTON STATE	OCTOBER 2024-HEALTH, DENTAL, & LTD	49,407.86
125763 10/31/2024	CHK	WASH14	DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	UNCLAIMED PROP.(2)RECORDS UBI #232000374	862.00
125764 11/01/2024	CHK	IBEW	IBEW LOCAL UNION #77	UNION DUES	1,132.97
125765 11/01/2024	CHK	PUDEMP	PUD #1 EMPLOYEE FUND	EMPLOYEE FUND	200.00
125766 11/04/2024	CHK	AFLAC	AFLAC	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	145.04
125767 11/04/2024	CHK	DAY	DAY WIRELESS SYSTEMS	RECURRING CHARGES-TWO WAY RADIO 28 UNITS	562.58
125768 11/04/2024	CHK	HOODCA	HOOD CANAL COMMUNICATIONS	INTERNET, IT SERVICES, & ALARM DIALER	5,690.27
125769 11/04/2024	CHK	34	WASHINGTON ALARM, INC	MONTHLY BILLING - SECURITY SYSTEM SHOP	200.67
125770 11/06/2024	CHK	2M COMPANY	2M COMPANY INC	WATER NON INVENTORY PARTS	3,377.20
125771 11/06/2024	CHK	COLONI	COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	601.89
125772 11/06/2024	CHK	CRC	COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER, INC	AFTER HOURS ANSWERING SERVICE	2,033.05
125773 11/06/2024	CHK	DALEY ELECTRI	DALEY ELECTRIC LLC	REPLACED EXHAUST FAN MOTOR IN BATHROOM	271.50
125774 11/06/2024	CHK	DOH	DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH	RIPPLEWOOD TRACTS - SANITARY SURVEY	600.00
125775 11/06/2024	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	GAS & DIESEL	3,846.50
125776 11/06/2024	CHK	EXCELSIOR CLE	EXCELSIOR CLEANING	MONTHLY JANITORIAL SERVICES	1,363.25
125777 11/06/2024	CHK	GE SOFTWARE	GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS	EKOS FUEL SITE MODULE	80.00
125778 11/06/2024	CHK	GENPAC	GENERAL PACIFIC INC	ELECTRIC INVENTORY PARTS	2,704.19
125779 11/06/2024	CHK	GOLDSTREET	GOLDSTREET DESIGN AGENCY, INC.	MONTHLY WEBSITE HOSTING	60.00
125780 11/06/2024	CHK	HDFOWL	HD FOWLER COMPANY	WATER INVENTORY PARTS-HDPE PIPE	23,144.89
125781 11/06/2024	CHK	J&I	J & I POWER EQUIPMENT INC	EQUIPMENT #104-ROLLER & RUBBER TRACK	9,400.94

11/07/2024 8:43:32 AM

Accounts Payable Check Register

Page 4

10/22/2024 To 11/07/2024

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
125782 11/06/2024	CHK	LEMAY MOBILE	LEMAY MOBILE SHREDDING	(2) 65GAL SHRED	136.00
125783 11/06/2024	CHK	MASON CO GAR	MASON COUNTY GARBAGE	MONTHLY GARBAGE CHARGES	462.73
125784 11/06/2024	CHK	SHEL 2	MASON COUNTY JOURNAL	BUSINESS SERVICE COORDINATOR-JOB POSTING	341.10
125785 11/06/2024	CHK	MT VIEW LOCA	MT. VIEW LOCATING SERVICES, LLC	MONTHLY UNDERGROUND LOCATES	2,592.50
125786 11/06/2024	CHK	JATC	NORTHWEST LINE J.A.T.C.	3RD YEAR TRAINING-R GONZALES & C CROWELL	3,700.00
125787 11/06/2024	CHK	NWSS	NORTHWEST SAFETY SERVICE LLC	SAFETY TRAINING OCTOBER 10, 2024	1,136.25
125788 11/06/2024	CHK	ONLINE	ONLINE INFORMATION SERVIC	ONLINE CREDIT REPORTING	174.08
125789 11/06/2024	CHK	POWER ENGINE	POWER ENGINEERS	MANZANITA SUBSTATION ENGINEERING & TEST	25,394.40
125790 11/06/2024	CHK	RICOH USA	RICOH USA, INC.	RENT ON TWO MACHINES & ADDITIONAL IMAGES	514.77
125791 11/06/2024	CHK	SCOTT MCLEND	SCOTT MCLENDON'S HARDWARE #2	VIEW RIDGE HEIGHTS WATER-RESERVOIR PARTS	58.61
125792 11/06/2024	CHK	SHEETZ, MIKE	MIKE SHEETZ	OCTOBER TRAVEL EXPENSE	494.27
125793 11/06/2024	CHK	SPECTRA LAB	SPECTRA LABORATORIES - KITSAP, LL	VARIOUS WATER SAMPLES	3,186.30
125794 11/06/2024	CHK	STANDARD PES	STANDARD PEST CONTROL	PEST CONTROL-1681 E MCREAVY RD	363.48
125795 11/06/2024	CHK	SHOP	THE SHOPPER'S WEEKLY	SUMMER HELPER FLYER	59.73
125796 11/06/2024	CHK	US BANK-CCC	US BANK	MO.CREDIT CARD-#4484 7345 5001 2554	8,981.55
125797 11/06/2024	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	SHOP SUPPLIES	694.71
125798 11/06/2024	CHK	2	DEAN B ROBERTS	REFUND-CUSTOMER ABANDONED PROJECT	2,090.86
Total Payments for Bank Account - 4 :					(93) 534,877.40
Total Voids for Bank Account - 4 :					(2) 862.00
Total for Bank Account - 4 :					(95) 535,739.40
Grand Total for Payments :					(93) 534,877.40
Grand Total for Voids :					(2) 862.00
Grand Total :					(95) 535,739.40

11/07/2024

8:43:32 AM

Accounts Payable Check Register

Page 5

PARAMETERS ENTERED:**Check Date:** 10/22/2024 To 11/07/2024**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

Proposed HRA VEBA Plan Changes

1. Encourage savings in the PUD's primary medical plan by allowing employees who are otherwise covered under a spouse's coverage to waive coverage under the PUD's plan in exchange for a health stipend.
 - a. The PUD proposes to deposit a health stipend of \$500 per month that coverage is waived into the employee's HRA VEBA account once annually. This would be offered to all employees and therefore be an eligible activity under the HRA VEBA plan rules.
 - b. This could potentially save the PUD between \$5,200 and \$23,400 annually per employee who opts out of coverage.

2. Activate the HRA VEBA's Flex Spending Account option to allow an additional pre-tax deduction into an annual Health Savings Account. There will be no employer match. Employees will be able to defer up to \$3,300, pre-tax into this separate account to pay for qualifying medical expenses in a calendar year without touching their HRA VEBA account, where the funds are allowed to roll over annually.



WASHINGTON STATE
PUBLIC WORKS BOARD
INFRASTRUCTURE IS FUNDAMENTAL

1011 Plum St SE • Box 42525 • Olympia, WA 98504-2525
www.pwb.wa.gov

October 23, 2024

Kristin Masteller
Mason County Public Utility District No 1
21971 N Hwy 101
Shelton, WA 98584

RE: PUBLIC WORKS BOARD CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM AWARD LETTER

Dear General Manager Kristin Masteller,

Thank you for submitting a Public Works Board Construction program application for consideration by the Public Works Board (Board). Congratulations, your Manzanita Water Storage Project has been selected for an award of \$3,922,750 in loan funding and \$692,250 in grant funding. Our office just completed the underwriting for this project, and your loan interest rate is 1.38% with a 20-year loan term.

The Board approved your construction application for funding at its September 6, 2024, meeting. The approval date is the funding award date. Any eligible costs incurred from this date forward are reimbursable.

The Governor's Executive Order 21-02 requires projects funded through appropriations in the State's Capital Budget to be reviewed prior to any ground-disturbing activities and the expenditure of any state funds for construction, demolition, or acquisition.

Once your scope of work and milestones are approved, your contract will be emailed to you for signature using DocuSign. Applicants must fully execute contracts within six months of receipt.

Once again, thank you for applying to the Public Works Board. Please contact your Project Manager, Tammy Mastro by email at tammy.mastro@commerce.wa.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SR', with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sheila Richardson
PWB Programs Director and Tribal Liaison
(564) 999-1927

cc: Katie Arnold, Mason PUD 1 District Treasurer

From: [Steve Parker](#)
Cc: [Twila Denham](#); [Kevin Morrison](#)
Subject: EnergySec RMUC Grant Application
Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 11:44:43 AM

[WARNING] This email originated outside of Mason PUD 1, DO NOT click any links or open any attachments if you are not certain this is from a safe sender. Thank you!

To our Participating Utilities:

On behalf of EnergySec, I would like to thank you again for your partnership on our grant application under DOE's Rural and Municipal Utility Cybersecurity (RMUC) program. I am pleased to inform you that our application has been "selecting for negotiations leading to award." In short, this means that DOE intends to award our grant subject to negotiations and agreement finalizing the scope of work, project deliverables, and related budget items. This negotiation is standard practice for such awards and should be completed by the end of 2024. We expect grant funds to begin supporting work this coming January.

Pursuant to DOE recommendations and in consideration of the sensitivity of the work to be done under this award, EnergySec will not be making any public announcements regarding the funding. Similarly, our work with you will be considered confidential, and we will not publicly discuss any of the work or those involved in the project. Of course, your organizations are free to discuss your involvement in any forum you deem appropriate.

Between now and the finalization of our award we would like to continue our conversations with each of you as we plan for substantive work to begin early in 2025. We also expect to make some staffing decisions and be able to introduce you to additional team members in the near future. Kevin Morrison will remain as your primary contact, but feel free to contact me directly at any time.

The objectives of this project have been a vision for EnergySec for several years. I'm thrilled that DOE has entrusted us with a significant investment to develop a program to strengthen small utility security. Now the work (and the fun) begins in earnest.

Thank you,

Steven Parker
President

NOV. 4/24

ANOTHER THANK YOU:

re. SOLAR Power.

We couldn't believe it when
our power bill came
SAYING ~~\$80.17~~.

What a treat! Thank you,
Thankyou.

We hope you will have a
great Thanksgiving and
that you may prosper.

Your ol' friends on Sunnyside Rd,
Richard & Ruth Nelson

Dear folks @ PUD #1,

We give you a sincere
THANK YOU for your annual
Customer Appreciation BBQ.

Our family loves to come &
see all the PUD guys &
gals with their smiles. ☺
Thankyou for the hamburgers,
hot dogs, drinks & ice cream.
Thankyou also for the gift
bag which endows us with
flashlight or light bulbs -

You surely make our day
and LIGHT UP our lives.
Thankyou for all your
work & generosity.