

Between the Lines



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Plan Today, Power Tomorrow

With a flick of a switch, electricity is there... something that we all take for granted. You may not think about it but Benton PUD does everything we can to ensure you have safe, reliable and affordable power when you need it. For decades, utilities have invested in conservation, renewable resources, and new technologies and have collaborated with other regional partners on issues that impact energy.

Utilities today face significant challenges - energy needs are growing, environmental goals are increasing - at the same time utilities strive to keep electricity reliable and affordable. Utilities must invest in infrastructure upgrades, integrate new renewable resources and increase energy efficiency which will, no doubt, impact rates.



**Plan today.
Power tomorrow.**
Promoting regional energy awareness

The **Plan Today, Power Tomorrow** campaign developed by electric utilities across the region, will keep our customers informed and policy makers updated on the realities of future energy challenges and help engage all to become part of the solution.

As utilities in the region collaborate to find solutions to our region's complex energy challenges, it is imperative that we continue to communicate these issues and be responsible stewards for our energy future.

As we deal with rising costs, environmental concerns and growing communities, utilities across the region will be working together today to ensure we continue to serve our customers with reliable low cost power. ✨



Message from Jim

Our spring took a long time to come this year. My granddaughters and I are ready to start digging in the garden and be outside more often. With that in mind, this newsletter focuses on the outdoors with energy tips for outside your home, electrical safety in your yard, planting trees and more.

The dreary, cold winter that postponed spring also increased electricity use these past couple of months but the credit you have seen on your bill helped offset the higher usage. However, we want to remind you that the credit will be discontinued at the end of May because the refund Benton PUD received from the Bonneville Power Administration will have been completely disbursed back to our customers. We're pleased to have provided this credit to our customers over the past year, but now that it is over, you will notice the bottom line on your bill will probably increase in June.

