

Skamania County PUD's

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PUD Welcomes Brent Bischoff as General Manager

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Meeting Schedule

9 a.m.

Tuesday 02/19/13

Monday 03/04/13

Monday 03/18/13

Monday 04/01/13

Monday 04/15/13

While growing up in eastern Washington, Brent was amazed by the Columbia River hydro-electric system. As a youth he recognized that man will always need electricity so he set his sites on a career in electrical power. He graduated from Brigham Young University in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. Brent's involvement in the Boy Scouts of America as a youth instilled a strong sense of patriotism so as he neared college graduation he looked for an opportunity to advance his career and serve his country; the US Navy's nuclear submarine program was the right fit. He persevered through the Navy's rigorous nuclear training program and served honorably aboard the USS West Virginia, SSBN 736 stationed in King's Bay, Georgia. By the end of Brent's first tour of duty, he and his wife Sharon had a daughter and two sons with twins on the way. He decided to leave the Navy to be home more with his growing family.



Following Naval service, Brent went back to Spokane, his home town, and worked as an electrical engineer and operations and maintenance manager for Wagstaff, Inc. After five years at Wagstaff, Inc., Brent sought an opportunity to work in the electric utilities industry. He took a position as a field engineer for the Bonneville Power Administration. While at BPA Brent also worked as the Idaho Falls District operations and maintenance manager, asset manager for BPA's transmission system protection and control equipment and most recently as a design team manager. Within the last two years Brent completed a Master of Engineering degree in Electrical Power from the University of Idaho, obtained his license in Washington State as a Professional Engineer and obtained certification as a Project Management Professional.

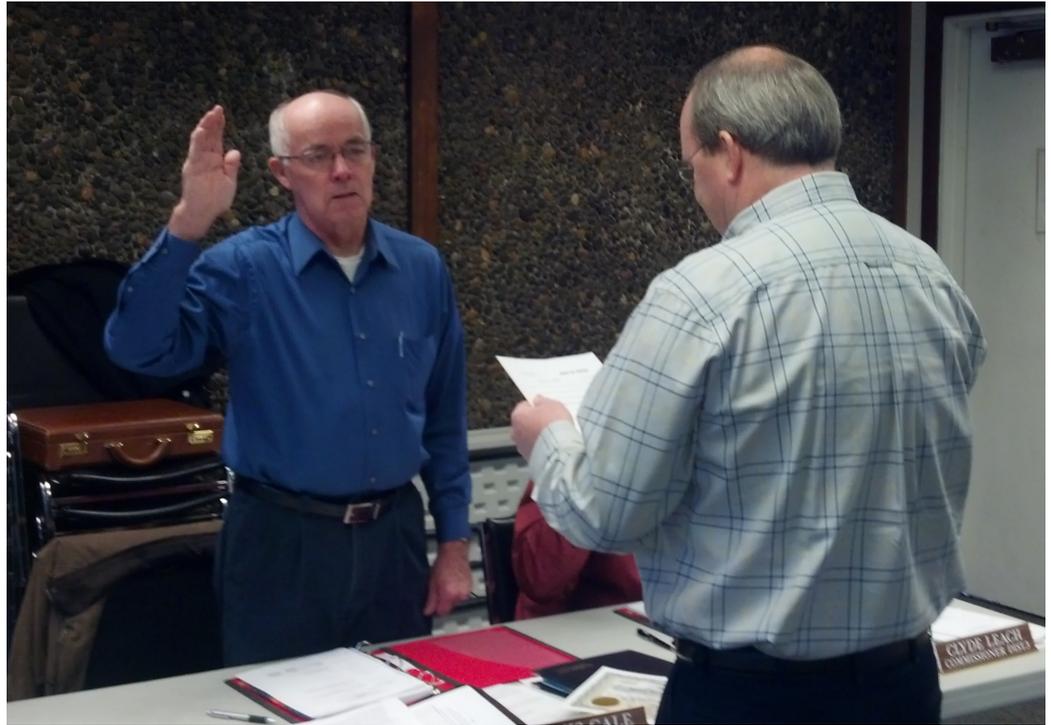
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Employees Happy to Show Identification

Occasionally, a PUD employee may come to your door regarding meter reading or other services. PUD employees drive marked vehicles and carry identification cards. Feel free to ask for ID or to call the utility at 1-800-922-5329 to verify employment. Protect yourself and your family.

Dennis Gale Sworn In

David O'Brien of the Skamania County Auditor's Office swore in Commissioner Gale for a second 6-year term during the Commissioner's Meeting on Dec 17th, 2012. Prior to his service as a commissioner with the PUD, Dennis worked for 26 years as the District's Auditor, and retired from this position in 2000. Dennis also filled in as the PUD's Interim Manager for four months in 2001.



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Yearly Reminder: Check Your Water Heater Settings

Pursuant to Chapter 19.27A.060 RCW, it is recommended that water heaters be set no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit to prevent severe burns and to reduce excessive energy consumption. If the minimum setting on a water heater is greater than 120 degrees Fahrenheit, it is recommended to set the water heater at the minimum setting.



Downed Power Line? Don't Touch it!

Severe winter weather and wind storms can knock down power lines. If you see any type of downed line, don't touch it. Stay away, keep others away, **call 911** and then call the PUD to report the problem.

If you're driving and see repair crews working on lines, be sure to slow down. We want you and our crews to stay safe. Thank you!

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