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**Board of
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Meeting Schedule

9 a.m.

Monday 04/16/12

Monday 05/07/12

Monday 05/21/12

Monday 06/04/12

Monday 06/18/12

PUD Commission Meeting Times and Locations Survey

The Skamania PUD is seeking your feedback to determine if we can improve the current Commission meeting schedule by meeting at different locations or times.

Typically, Skamania PUD Commissioner business meetings are held on the first and third Mondays of each month in Carson, Washington. In addition to the regular meetings, special meetings can be scheduled for specific purposes such as rate hearings.

To that end of acquiring your feedback, please answer the following questions:

- Are the current commission business meetings in Carson adequate and timely to provide opportunities for you to interact with Commissioners and PUD staff?
- Would meetings in other communities in Skamania County such as Underwood, Skamania, and Washougal be better for you to meet commissioners and staff?
- Are there other times of the day, including evenings, that would better match your schedule?
- Is there specific information you would like us to provide or concerns that you would like us to address?
- If the current Commission meeting schedule was updated, how likely would you be to attend?

Please call Robert Gentry, Manager at (509) 427-5126 with information or questions that you that you would like to ask or pass on. You may also email the PUD at rgentry@skamaniapud.com or any staff member or Commissioner at our website Skamaniapud.com.

Your input is greatly appreciated.

Robert Gentry, Interim Manager

Help us Save our Transformers

Many of our customers receive electricity through a power transformer somewhat near the house or building being serviced (that green box in your yard!). The transformer takes the power at the PUD's system voltage of 7200 volts and changes it to the 120/240 volts that is used by the consumer. Although it's not a thing of beauty, please don't try to hide the box by planting trees, shrubs, or flowers around it. The transformer must be exposed to the air currents for cooling, and our line crews must occasionally work in or around it. *This is a safety issue for our crew.*

The opening on the front requires a minimum clearance of seven feet in order for the line crew to safely reenergize it using a "hot stick." Please help us by keeping the area around your transformer clear.

Annual Fuel Mix

In accordance with State law RCW. 19.29A.050, Washington State PUD's must disclose their annual resource fuel mix once per calendar year. Disclosure labels rely on historical data, the prior calendar year. So, for example, the 2012 label information lists your PUD's resource fuel mix for 2011. As Table 1 shows, through BPA, Skamania PUD receives power from six primary sources to ensure that you enjoy continued reliable electrical service.

| Generation Type | Fuel Mix 2011 |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Biomass | 0.2 % |
| Coal | 0 % |
| Hydro | 87.6 % |
| Natural Gas | 0% |
| Nuclear | 5.2 % |
| Other | 7 % |

Table 1

It's Budget Bill Time!

If you would like to sign up for monthly budget billing (equal pay), now is the time. To qualify for the budget plan, we require that your account be paid in full, and that you have at least one year's worth of usage history with us. The budget plan is not available for commercial/industrial customers.

Call Before You Dig 1-800-424-5555

Whether you are planning a major construction project or landscaping your yard, it is important to call for a line locate at least 48 hours before digging or excavating.



When calling, be prepared to give your name, phone number, service location, nearest cross road and any special instructions. The Northwest Utility Notification Center will then contact the proper utilities.

"Call Before You Dig" is a free service that can prevent dangerous and costly accidents.

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Reader comments are welcome.

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