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**Meeting Schedule**

**9 a.m.**

Tuesday 02/17/09  
  
Monday 03/02/09  
Monday 03/16/09  
  
Monday 04/06/09  
Monday 04/20/09

## The Winter Storms

### Goodbye 2008 – Hello 2009

Having watched the first snow come and go (well at least for some of us) we are very thankful to our PUD Line Crew, who worked hard in nasty weather to get the power back on. Our crew worked long hours, including Christmas Day, to keep us warm. You can see by the picture the conditions they were working in.



Tree Trimmer Foreman, Pat Hartley

Your PUD has taken many preventative measures to improve reliability during the past year. We have hired an in-house Tree Crew, replaced rotten poles and cross arms, replaced rotten underground cables. All this has helped. But, Mother Nature can be a tough opponent. When she loads the trees with snow and then blows her wind on them, trees from 50 feet away can come down and take down a power line.



Journeyman Lineman, Wade Griffith

This last storm also makes us reflect on our customers, who are also very thankful. Your PUD Commissioners, Management and Employees want to take this opportunity to tell you how thankful we are for you, The Customer, for your patience, kindness, and all the goodies. How wonderful to live in Skamania County !!

Manager, Bob Wittenberg

**Planting native shrubs and trees  
benefits our watersheds.**

Skamania PUD operates two water systems in the County, namely, Carson and Underwood systems. Both water systems rely on surface and ground water withdrawals to serve their respective communities. For the purposes of long-term protection of drinking water, the PUD has an interest in the preservation and enhancement of our local watersheds. As such, one method for enhancement includes the planting of native shrubs and trees. The Underwood Conservation District, a not-for-profit organization, is having an annual Native Tree and Shrub sale between March and April 2009. They can provide technical assistance to land-owners regarding tree and shrub selection and regular maintenance. Concurrently, we advise you to pay close attention to the species of the plant and the location of where it is to be planted to avoid unnecessary future management problems often associated with our power lines. You can visit their website at <http://w3.gorge.net/ucd/ucd.htm> or call them at (509) 493-1936. You can also visit your local nursery for assistance in selection of native shrubs and trees. Together we can help protect our watershed for both the environment and the people.

**Annual Fuel Mix**

In accordance with State law R.C.W. 19.29A.010, Washington State PUD's must disclose their resource fuel mix once per calendar year. Disclosure labels rely on historical data, the prior calendar year. So, for example, the 2008 label information lists your PUD's resource fuel mix for 2007. As this table shows, through BPA, Skamania PUD receives power from six primary sources to ensure that you enjoy continued reliable electrical service:

**Generation Type      Fuel Mix 2008**

<b>Biomass</b>	.09%
<b>Coal</b>	2.57%
<b>Hydro</b>	85.67%
<b>Natural Gas</b>	1.06%
<b>Nuclear</b>	10.50%
<b>Other</b>	.11%

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Reader comments are welcome.

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