

CYCLE OF PERSONAL OWNERSHIP

MAY 2023 WINNERS



CHELAN COUNTY

CHASE FITZPATRICK

When the Verizon 2G network was retired at the end of 2022, Chelan PUD had nine electric meters installed at pumping stations for the Lake Chelan Reclamation District that operated on the 2G network for meter-read information. Timing was critical to ensure that new 4G-capable meters were purchased and installed during the off-season and subsequently commissioned prior to the 2023 pumping season. Given the well-known supply chain issues and the fact that these meters and their capabilities are non-stock for Chelan PUD, Chase had to research various meters, purchase the best candidate, test the meter to ensure it will work as intended, then purchase 8 more for installation. Chase had assistance from Transmission Engineering to get started, but once he understood the task at hand, Chase ran with it. He successfully purchased and tested the meter, then purchased the remaining meters and worked with our billing department and LCRD to install the meters at all locations. Adding to the complexity, the LCRD is upgrading the switchgear at their pumping stations. It was unclear exactly what the new switchgear consisted of, but Chase was in constant contact with the LCRD engineer responsible for the upgrade and was able to schedule the meter installs, troubleshoot issues that came up (which they did as the LCRD prints were not in line with what was actually installed), and successfully commission all meters ahead of the pumping season. Chase exemplified the cycle of personal ownership as he completed this project. Thanks Chase!