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Public Power Benefit Projects launched are:

Day-use Parking Pass Pilot: Launched in June for PUD parks operated by the state. Customers and Chelan County residents can apply online or at their closest PUD office for the pass that covers parking fees at Daroga, Lincoln Rock and Wenatchee Confluence state parks.



Electric Vehicle Chargers: Installing up to nine EV charging stations at PUD facilities and parks around the county.



Wanted:

More ideas to make this an even better place to live

Chelan County PUD customers shared many great ideas as you helped your utility plan for the future. In addition to the value of clean, low-cost, reliable and renewable hydropower, you submitted some 1,100 suggestions to enhance the quality of life in our county.

Each one was reviewed during strategic planning and categorized by "Topic Teams" of customer volunteers, subject matter experts, community leaders and PUD staff.

Then we asked you to vote on top priorities for: Parks and Recreation; Water and Wastewater; Fiber and Telecom; Electrification; Economic Development; and reinvesting in PUD assets.

Several of those projects are underway and

more will happen in 2016. Now it's time to look ahead at more Public Power Benefit projects for 2017 and beyond.

The time to start planning is now. Project funding and Board of Commissioners approval will depend on available revenues, of course. And, any project proposal must meet our statutory authority and program criteria.

You can propose a project online at www.ourpublicpower.org or pick up a proposal form at our offices in Chelan, Leavenworth or Wenatchee. Proposals are due by Jan. 1, 2016.

We look forward to continuing this journey with you to provide *the best for the most for the longest period of time.*

PUD profile:
Jim White
One idea after another

Jim White, senior energy efficiency engineer, is a tinkerer, a thinker and a doer. His Alaska upbringing developed self-reliance and awe for the planet. For the last 18 years he's focused on helping Chelan PUD



customers save energy. He's worked with fruit warehouses to reduce cooling costs and with commercial customers to improve lighting and fine-tune heating.

His passion for renewable energy even took him to the Arctic Circle to support the journey of his friend's "Power of One" (Xof1) solar car designed to set world distance records.

Most recently, one of his ideas caught the eye of scientists at Oak Ridge National

Laboratory in Tennessee with an award-winning proposal in the Sensors and Controls category to use carbon dioxide (CO2) monitors to better distribute fresh, outside air through a building.

Using CO2 sensors to control ventilation air isn't new. White's idea is adding the sensors to control individual zone dampers inside a heating, ventilating and air conditioning system known as variable air volume (VAV).

White will test the idea at the PUD's main office. Energy savings and better air quality are expected.

He is generous with his ideas and time, working with students on solar-powered vehicle races, in Boy Scouts and at his church. White and his wife, Laurie Flarity-White, have two children.

"Live your life as if the survival of the planet depends on you"

-Jim White

GM Steve Wright: Successful together



Steve Wright

It's always nice to be able to share good news at budget time.

2015 has been a great financial year for the PUD, despite not-so-good energy markets and the challenges we faced

this year with wildfires and our large turbine repairs.

While we don't expect such robust performance in the coming years, we are pleased that we will end the year with net revenues, the PUD's "bottom line," projected at about \$99 million.

What this means is that we will stay the course on our three primary objectives: paying down debt – now on track to reach

35 percent debt to equity ratio in 2018 – a full year earlier than planned; continuing to invest in our people and assets that make these outstanding financial outcomes happen; and implementing our strategic plan's Public Power Benefit program that you can track at ourpublicpower.org.

And this success has been guided by your thoughtful input into our planning. We all succeed when we work together.



CHELAN COUNTY

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Be cautious with energy-saving claims

If it sounds too good to be true – check with us

From time to time, out-of-town companies come through selling products with claims of extraordinary energy savings. Be sure to evaluate these products carefully before purchasing.

Among the products claiming to save energy is something called a solar blanket, solar shield or attic shield. This is usually a foil sheet with a



small amount of polyethylene closed-cell foam. It has minimal energy-saving benefit in our area. This product is not eligible for a Chelan PUD rebate.

To receive a PUD rebate for adding insulation, the R value must be increased by at least 10. See chelanpud.org/EnergyConservation for details.

One tip: Read the fine print on fliers and contracts. Often, savings are calculated for average retail rates of 10-12 cents per kilowatt hour or more. Chelan PUD customers pay about 3.2 cents per kilowatt hour.

Energy adviser Josh Mitchell is happy to answer questions at (509) 661-4380.



Winter storm tips

Call if you need us

If the lights go out, you can reach Chelan PUD 24/7 at (877) 783-8123.

Think safety before using back-up generators

Don't power your house by plugging a portable generator into a wall outlet. The generator will back feed electricity through the meter and out into the neighborhood. That will cause a severe safety hazard to neighbors and line workers.

If using a portable generator, make sure the appliances being powered are **plugged directly to the generator or make sure your home is disconnected from the PUD's electric system with a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician.**