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New Option for Buying “Green Power”

Customers Now Have Choice of Buying Green Power Blocks or 100% Green Power

What is Green Power?

The term “green power” is used to define power generated from renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, geothermal, ocean waves and tides, hydropower, and biomass.

Why Buy Green Power?

By choosing to purchase a green power product, you can support increased development of renewable energy sources. Renewable energy is a sustainable way to meet our energy needs and protect the environment and public health.

What is the New Option?

You now have the option to choose the number of Green Power Blocks you wish to purchase each month. Previously, you only had the option to buy 100% of your electricity as Green Power. That option is still available.

How Do I Participate?

You can fill in the attached sign-up card and enclose it with your PUD payment.

What Does It Cost?

Green Power has an incremental cost of 0.7 cents above your regular billing rate. As an example, the current Residential Rate is 6.2 cents per kilowatt hour (kWh). The Residential Green Rate is 6.9 cents per kWh.

You have the choice to buy 100% of your electricity as Green Power at 6.9 cents per kWh, if you are a residential customer, or in smaller Green Power Blocks of 100 kWh per month. Each Green Power Block will cost 70 cents. This is the 100 kWh multiplied by the 0.7-cent incremental cost of Green Power.

Green Power Block Option

If you choose the Green Power Block Option, and you are a residential customer, all of your monthly electric usage will be billed using the regular billing rate of 6.2 cents per kWh. Then your Green Power Block total will be added on a separate line. If you buy one Green Power

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Customers Respond to “Unfair Deal”

In the September bills, you received a notice saying that approximately 13% of your electric bill goes to private utility customers. The dollar amount of this charge appears on your electric bill. You were urged to write to BPA and/or the PUD Commissioners if you found this situation unfair. Over 200 letters were received in support of the PUD’s position. Thanks to the customers who took the time to respond.

Clallam PUD, Bonneville Power Administration, and many other Northwest utilities are in the final stages of a settlement proposal to bring this situation under control. If this settlement is successful, in January of 2004 the PUD will begin paying lower wholesale power rates. The comments you have sent to the PUD, BPA, and our members of Congress have helped in this struggle. In anticipation of a successful settlement, the PUD has not raised your electrical rates even though the BPA wholesale rate was increased on October 1 of this year.

COMMISSIONERS’ MEETINGS

The Board of Commissioners, which you elect, normally meets on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. at the Port Angeles office, 2431 East Highway 101.

The meetings are open to the public. For more information call (360) 565-3231 or (800) 542-7859, Ext. 231

PUD MISSION STATEMENT

To provide reliable, efficient, safe, and low-cost utility services in a financially and environmentally responsible manner

CLALLAM COUNTY PUD GREEN POWER PROGRAM

Name _____ Account No. _____
Address: _____ Phone No: _____

My choices for participation in the Green Power Program are indicated below. This replaces any current Green Power purchases I am presently making through the PUD. I may either choose a fixed monthly Green Power purchase of 70 cents per block of 100 kWh (in addition to my regular billing) or I may request 100% of my electric usage be purchased at the Green Power Rate.

GREEN POWER BLOCK OPTION

Please bill me, beginning with my next statement, for _____ blocks of 100 kWh Green Power at 70 cents per block. In addition, I will be billed for all my usage at my current regular billing rate.

- Please bill me for the number of blocks designated above for _____ months.*
- Please bill the blocks designated every month until I contact the PUD to cancel.*

100% GREEN POWER OPTION

Please bill all my usage at the current Green Power Rate. This rate includes an additional 0.7 cents per kWh over the current regular billing rate, to be applied to Green Power.

If you wish to participate in this program, please include this form with your PUD bill; otherwise, please recycle.



Fuel Mix Disclosure

The electric energy Clallam County PUD provided to its customers came from the following resources:

Hydroelectric	84.0%
Nuclear	10.6%
Coal	3.1%
Landfill gas	1.5%
Natural gas	0.5%
Other	0.3%
Total	100%

These statistics are for calendar year 2002.

Services, Programs, & Products

- Budget Payment Plan
- Bill payment by credit card and electronic fund transfer
- Low-income Senior Citizen Discount
- Low-income Disabled Citizen Discount
- Neighborly Assistance Program
- Electric safety demonstrations
- Speakers for clubs and organizations
- Loan program for energy- and water-efficiency improvements
- Manufactured home weatherization program



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Block, you will be billed an additional 70 cents per month. If you buy two Green Power Blocks you will be billed an additional \$1.40 per month. You can buy as many Blocks at 70 cents per 100 kWh per month as you would like. You can also choose how many months you would like to participate in this option.

100% Green Power Option

If you choose the 100% Green Power Option and you are a residential customer, all of your monthly electric usage will be calculated using the 6.9 cents per kWh.

Questions

If you have any questions about Green Power billing, call us at 360.452.9771, and we will be happy to assist you!

Why is the PUD Offering This Program?

The PUD began offering Green Power in 2002; in part, due to a state law. The law requires all electric utilities in Washington to offer their customers the option to purchase a portion of their electricity from renewable sources. Clallam County PUD has had a certain level of green power in its power portfolio since 1999.

Why Does Green Power Cost More?

As new sources of renewable energy are being developed – from wind, solar, geothermal, and other sources – they've typically been more expensive than other traditional sources such as coal or gas-fired facilities. However, their costs have decreased in recent years. And while green power is more expensive, its use helps protect our natural environment by reducing the impacts of more harmful energy sources.

Where Will the Green Power Come From?

Clallam PUD's current supply of renewable energy comes from Klickitat PUD's landfill gas project. Klickitat PUD's H.W. Hill Landfill Gas Power Plant was named a 2000 Governor's Pollution Prevention Award winner by the State Department of Ecology. This technology is the only renewable source of power that actually removes pollution from the air. That's because methane, a natural byproduct of waste decomposition, is a potent greenhouse gas — 20 times more destructive than carbon dioxide.



Why Buy Green Power?

Green pricing is an optional utility service that allows customers an opportunity to support a greater level of utility company investment in renewable energy technologies. Participating customers pay a premium on their electric bill to cover the incremental cost of the additional renewable energy. Clallam PUD's premium rate is 0.7 cents per kWh. By choosing to purchase a green power product, you can support increased development of renewable energy sources, which can reduce the burning of fossil fuels such as coal, oil, and natural gas.

Green power is the solution to a cleaner, sustainable energy system. Renewable energy — power from the sun, wind, plants, and moving water — is a sustainable way to meet our energy needs and protect the environment and public health. For questions, call 360-452-9771.