

# C N N N E C T

June 2018



## **SLOW DOWN OR MOVE OVER**

State law requires drivers to move out of the lane closest to a utility vehicle. If the driver cannot change lanes, it is required to slow down within 200 feet before and after a stopped emergency vehicle. Starting June 7, the law will also apply to utility vehicles, giving us more protection while working on power lines. Please help keep our crews safe by moving over or slowing down.

## **Another clean audit for PUD**

Pend Oreille County Public Utility District received another clean financial audit for 2017. The PUD utilized a third party firm, Moss Adams LLP, to conduct the audit that covered the financial statements and reporting for the PUD's electric, generating, water, and broadband systems. On April 10, Moss Adams LLP Partner Olga Darlington presented her final audit report at the PUD Board Meeting. She stated that District personnel were courteous, responsive and fulfilled all requests in a timely manner. Darlington also mentioned that management was helpful and transparent during the process. Board President Dan Peterson said, "The Commission is very pleased with the year-after-year excellence demonstrated by the District's finance staff and management."



**UTILITY  
POLES SEEM  
LIKE A GOOD  
PLACE TO  
POST YOUR  
SIGNS,  
BUT IT'S  
EXTREMELY  
DANGEROUS  
TO YOU AND  
OUR UTILITY  
WORKERS.**

## **SIGN UP FOR BUDGET PAYMENT PLAN**

If you're interested in smoothing out your electricity bills and budgeting the same monthly amount for the entire year, the Budget Payment Plan may be just what you need. With the Budget Payment Plan, customers can avoid seasonal peaks in electricity bills by leveling payments out over the course of the entire year. Customer payments are based on an average of their previous year's usage. If you are interested, contact our Customer Service Representatives for more information.



# CONNECT



Last month Paul Kiss (Safety Coordinator) was presented with an award for his service and dedication by IBEW Local 77. Paul spent many years serving IBEW Local 77 on their Exam Board and six of those years he spent as the Board Chairman.



Last month PUD staff participated in the Bloomsday Corporate Cup. Pictured left to right: Colin Willenbrock, Frank Pisano, Paul Kiss, Libbey Bartel and Rod Schoener.



Our staff has started their annual reading of everyone's meter to ensure accurate information is being delivered to our system. What does that mean for you? During the summer, our staff may be stopping by to quickly check your meter. How can you help? We would appreciate if you could help by making sure your meter is accessible before we arrive. Keeping your meter clear keeps us safe and makes our trips more efficient.



## Box Canyon Dam in Free Flow

Learn all about the Pend Oreille River flow by visiting [popud.org/pend-oreille-river](http://popud.org/pend-oreille-river) and watching our video.

## METERS STILL SPIN EVEN WHEN YOU ARE AWAY

Save on your bill this summer while you are on vacation with these simple tips:

- Turn down the thermostat
- Turn off your water heater
- Unplug your electronics
- Close your curtains

## TALK TO US!

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