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Pend Oreille PUD Celebrates Public Power Week with Pops, Brats & Kilowatts

PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WA – Pend Oreille PUD is joining community-owned utilities nationwide in celebrating Public Power Week, October 5–11. Public Power Week is held annually across the nation to recognize the value of public power in primarily rural communities, including affordable rates, reliable service, local control, and a strong community focus.

To mark the occasion, the PUD is offering free coffee, cookies, and cocoa at its Newport office and at the Box Canyon Visitor's Center throughout the week.

In addition, the PUD is excited to introduce something new this year: Pops, Brats & Kilowatts, a family-friendly community event with free food, drinks, and activities. Join the PUD on Monday, October 6, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Newport headquarters, or on Thursday, October 9, from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Box Canyon Visitor's Center. Customers can enjoy brats, sodas, and games, while connecting with PUD representatives to learn more about the benefits of your community-owned utility.

"Public power belongs to the people we serve and that's what makes it special," said Joe Hathaway, Public Information Officer for the PUD. "Public Power Week is about celebrating that connection and saying thank you to our customers for trusting us to safely keep the lights on, day in and day out."

Pend Oreille County is proud to be one of more than 2,000 communities across the nation powered by public power. Here, neighbors serve neighbors, the focus is always local, and there is always something to celebrate.

About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services.