

Bonneville Power Rates Increase Less Than Forecasted

The Bonneville Power Administration's (BPA's) wholesale power rates will increase an average of 7.8% for the next two years. This increase is less than the BPA's initial 10.4% proposal discussed in the two prior editions of *The Reporter*. The majority of this increase pays for federal hydroelectric dam rehabilitation, fish recovery operations, and fuel costs at the Columbia Generating Station. The BPA's final rates include the potential for a rate adjustment next year, depending on the BPA's fiscal health.

Canby Utility faces an 8.8% wholesale rate impact – higher than the BPA's average rate increase – due

to the BPA's new tiered rate billing structure. Approximately 85 percent of the BPA's bill is a flat amount that pays for Canby Utility's share of the Federal Columbia River Power System. With new load-shaping and demand charges, our wholesale power usage cost will vary according to the BPA's power availability.

During the month of August, the Canby Utility Board of Directors will meet with staff to analyze potential effects on customer bills. Staff will generate several rate structure options and present them to the Board. Fairness and average customer bill impacts will be evaluated.

Canby Utility's new customer rates will go into effect on October 1st when the BPA's new rate takes effect. A public hearing on the Canby Utility Board's rate proposal will occur at the September 13th meeting.

Look for rate proposal information in *The Canby Herald* and *The Reporter*.



“Tiny Utility Takes On BPA”

This Oregonian headline from January 2008 captures the Canby Utility Board's spirit. Canby Utility would continue to take on big issues in the new millennium.

Ask The Hard Questions

“The Board always did its due diligence to find out exactly what was needed and why,” recalls former Board Member Jim Newton, who served from 2000 to 2009. “We didn't always go-along-to-get-along.” In 2004, the Canby Utility Board challenged the Bonneville

Power Administration (BPA) to make available on its website all of its Record of Decisions (RODS) pertaining to policy actions. Only with Canby Utility's persistence did the BPA agree to post all RODS to the web. “Other utilities blinked—Canby didn't. We stayed focused and got results,” said Newton.

The decade would require more sustained advocacy from the Board on both electric and water issues. In 2002, Canby Utility protested a proposed gravel quarry operation located 14 miles upstream from Canby on the Molalla River. The operation potentially threatened the city's drinking water quality. After five long years of land use hearings and negotiations, Canby Utility successfully won concessions to protect the river. The Oregon Legislature ultimately adopted Canby's efforts as their own by changing the laws affecting quarry operations statewide.

Canby Utility partnered with other customer-owned utilities challenging the BPA's Residential Exchange Program and the generous contracts offered to investor-owned utilities. In 2008, court victories led the BPA to repay Canby Utility for seven years of overbilling. The Board applied those funds to absorb the BPA's 2009 wholesale power price increase.

“The Canby Utility Board runs as a straight-up business,” says Newton, “and it gives you a sense of pride to help protect our small utility and serve the customers who own it.”

This concludes our forty-year retrospective recognizing Canby Utility Board members. These citizen volunteers provide an invaluable service to our community.



Matt Michel, General Manager

Water Conservation Especially For Kids

Saving Water is As Easy As Turning Off a Faucet!

Six Simple Things Kids Can Do To Help Save Water



- Turn off the water while you're brushing your teeth.
- Take shorter showers. Make it a game. Keep an egg timer in the bathroom and see who can get their showers down to three minutes. *(And still get clean!)*
- Help your mom or dad fix the dripping faucet. Did you know that it can waste 20 gallons of water a day?
- Help your parents install a water-saving shower head. In addition to the water it saves, it also saves the fuel that would have been used to heat up the extra hot water.
- Fill a gallon plastic bottle with water and place it in your toilet tank. (The part in the back!) It will take up the same amount of space, but in a year, it will keep 5,000 gallons of water from going down the drain.
- Never throw away batteries. The mercury and heavy metals in batteries will eventually leak out and poison the water it runs into. What can you do? Start a used battery bag. When it's full, drop it off at a battery recycling center near you.



Important Water Tips for Pool Winterizing

Recycle your pool water on:

- lawns
- gardens
- container plants
- flower beds

Customers should not drain their pool directly into the storm water system. Doing so could negatively impact native fish runs. If you have a swimming pool that you will be draining in preparation for winter,

we'd like to suggest that you put that water to good use. If you begin early, you can save the water and lower your water bill.

You're asked to call the City of Canby for permission to drain the contents of your swimming pool into the sewer system if you choose not to recycle.

Contact: Darvin Tramel

Wastewater Supervisor
503-266-4021, ext. 248



Two Free Walk/Run Events

When: **Sept. 13, 6:00 p.m.**
Oct. 11, 6:00 p.m.

Starting Location:

The Fitness Studio
181 N. Grant, Suite 106

Water, snacks and prizes provided by the Fitness Studio and area businesses.

For more information, call: **503-266-6662**
website:

www.thefitnessstudio.webs.com

Canby Junior Basketball

Registration for the 2011/2012 season opens August 15, 2011.

The non-profit organization offers Instructional through Traveling leagues for boys and girls, kindergarten through 8th grade.

To register and to view the season calendar, visit our website.

For more information, call: **503-263-5611**

e-mail:

info@CanbyJuniorBasketball.com

website:

www.CanbyJuniorBasketball.com

Canby Utility

Board Meeting

Open to the Public

When: 7:30 p.m. on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month

Where: Canby Utility Board Room
154 NW First Avenue
Canby, OR 97013



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