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## 20-Year Agreement Protects Our Customers' Rates ~

# LLP Signs New Contract With BPA

After many years of discussion, Lakeview Light and Power, together with 134 other customers in the Northwest, has signed an historic contract with Bonneville Power Administration guaranteeing our customers the best possible power rates for the next twenty years.

"In signing this agreement, we've been careful to protect our customers' interests," said General Manager Robin Rego. "The agreement guarantees LLP customers a steady supply of low-cost power, and also promotes energy efficiency and renewable energy," he added.

Our Board of Directors has authorized that the income stream from our White Creek Wind Project will be used to help absorb any future BPA rate hikes.

## Power Pals Alert

# Grid Expansion; Climate Change

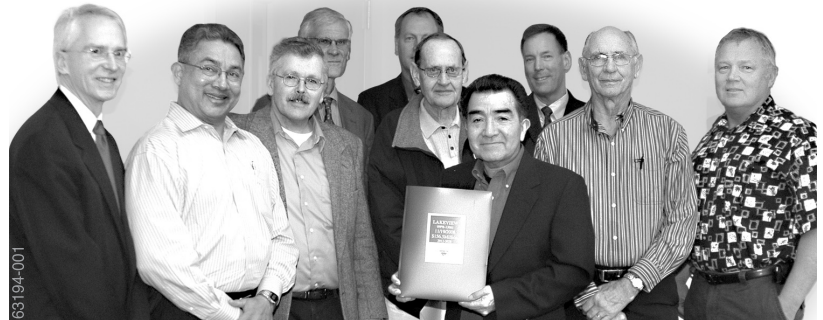
Last November the people of America, and the citizens of our state, elected candidates who have promised an increased focus on energy policy.

There are many critical issues that could affect our power supply and the price we pay for electricity. What happens in the 'other Washington' will have a profound impact on what happens here at home.

Electric cooperatives across the country have joined in a very successful grassroots campaign called Our Energy, Our Future (visit [www.ourenery.coop](http://www.ourenery.coop) for details). The campaign focuses on three important issues: capacity, technology and affordability.

## Holiday Closures

Our office will be closed  
the following dates:  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day – January 19  
and Presidents' Day – February 16.



LLP recently signed a new 20-year contract with BPA. Shown here are (l-r, front row) Steve Wright, BPA Administrator; Robin Rego, LLP General Manager; George Reich, BPA Account Executive; and LLP Board Members Bob Schibig, Bob Estrada, Paul Russell and Gary Jones. Three other BPA executives are in the back row.

Let's talk about capacity first. Our region is a microcosm for this problem which is challenging utilities nationwide. Northwest utilities – including LLP – are leading the nation in the development of renewable energy, especially wind power. Wind projects in the Northwest are currently generating 2,000 mw of electricity. That's enough to supply half the needs of Seattle. Another 4,700 mw are expected to come online within the next few years.

But there isn't enough capacity in the region's transmission systems to carry all that new

power, which needs to get from the source (like our White Creek project near Goldendale) to the urban areas where most of it is used.

BPA has plans for expanding the grid, but it will cost billions of dollars.

Several members of Washington's congressional delegation are leading an effort to secure additional federal financing that will help BPA upgrade and expand its transmission system. LLP customers can show their support by writing to our elected officials.

Technology will also play a vital role in solving our energy

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## Power Pals Issues *continued...*

crisis as well as the problem of climate change. A nationwide commitment to research and development of technologies like carbon capture and storage to reduce greenhouse gasses from power plants must be a priority. It's estimated that 50 percent of the CO<sub>2</sub> created in the generation of electricity comes from coal-fired power plants. Incentives to reduce greenhouse gasses from these plants must be strict but fair. The proposed 'cap and trade' system, which died in Congress in 2008, was fraught with potential problems and could do great damage to the public power industry if it's reintroduced and passed.

Closer to home, a group of western governors is considering a similar program as part of the Western Climate Initiative. At its most extreme, that program could even levy a special tax on the power tools people use in their their own backyards and workshops.

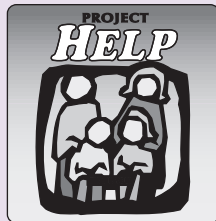
LLP and other regional electric co-ops are keeping a close watch on these issues. We urge our customers to do the same.

Rest assured that we will do everything possible to protect our customers and our supply of safe, reliable, affordable power.

### Project Help

In these very difficult economic times, more of our customers than ever need help paying their power bills. Project Help provides assistance for our customers-in-need. Please consider making a contribution to this important program. Just fill in the box on your enclosed statement. LLP doubles every donation, so your gift increases three-fold. 2008 contributions to Project Help totaled \$15,580.26 through November 30.

As always, we thank you for your support!



### Coming Soon: A New Look to Your Power Bill

We've changed the way our bills are printed and mailed, and soon they'll look a little different. This change improves our efficiency and helps keep costs under control. Soon we'll even be able to create bar graphs that will give you a visual comparison of how your power usage varies from month to month.

We think you'll approve!

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## Our 'Green Power' Now Comes From White Creek

Since the summer of 2002, LLP customers have been able to support renewable energy by purchasing Green Power in 250 kwh blocks. Until recently, the source of our green power has been from purchases of Environmentally Preferred Power (also known as renewable energy credits) from BPA.

Now we're pleased to announce an exciting change in our Green Power program.

Because of the success of our White Creek Wind Project, LLP's Green Power now comes from the renewable energy credits we

get from White Creek.

The price for a 250 kwh block of Green Power remains unchanged at \$4 per month. If you'd like to purchase this environmentally friendly, renewable resource, just call our office at 584-6060 and ask for details. Or visit our website - [www.lakeviewlight.com](http://www.lakeviewlight.com) for more information.

LLP customers can be proud of the role you have played in the development of White Creek. Without your support, and the leadership of our Board of Directors, this important project might not have been built.

### Call for Board Candidates Annual Meeting Scheduled

The 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Lakeview Light and Power is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at 7pm at Tye Elementary School, 11920 Seminole Road SW. Two of our board members - President Paul Russell and Linda McDermott - are up for re-election. If you're interested in being a candidate for the LLP Board of Directors, you must notify the Secretary in writing, at our office, by 5pm Friday, February 6, 2009. 116999-001

### - Reminder to High School Seniors - Scholarship Deadline is January 30!

January 30 is the deadline for college scholarship applications. Any student who is the child of an LLP member or customer is eligible to apply for one of our five \$1,500 scholarships. Application forms, with complete guidelines and requirements, are available at our office during regular business hours.

### Find Your Account Number, Win \$20

In each issue of *The Lakeview Light*, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at 584-6060 before the next edition is published and you'll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill. Last quarter Pierce County Fire District #2 was a winner. Good luck!

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