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Meet Our New Employees ~ Three New Faces at LLP

We're pleased to welcome three new members to our Lakeview Light family.

Cindy Escobar is our new Bookkeeper. Cindy is married and has two boys, ages four and eight. She's fluent in Spanish, and she enjoys swimming, watching movies and spending time with her kids. "They keep me plenty busy," she says with a smile. "They both do judo and soccer, one plays baseball and one's in Cub Scouts." Before moving to Spanaway, the Escobars lived in North Carolina, while her husband was stationed at Ft. Bragg. Now he's in Afganistan, and Cindy is very active in the Ft. Lewis 555 Able Soldier and Family Fund, of which she's Treasurer.

Rob Demaline and Jim Stubinski are our new Linemen. Both joined our crew after working at similar jobs for the City of Steilacoom. Rob and his wife Renee live in Steilacoom and have two daughters – one is a Junior at Steilacoom High School; the other is stationed with the Army in

Germany. Prior to moving to Washington, the Demalines lived in Georgia. In his spare time, Rob is a big NASCAR fan.

Jim Stubinski and his wife, Linda, also live in Steilacoom. They have one daughter, Kelly, in Orlando, Florida where the family lived before coming to

Holiday Closures
Our office will be closed the following dates:
Labor Day – Monday, September 3 and
Columbus Day – Monday, October 8.



We welcome three new employees to Lakeview Light and Power – (l-r) Lineman Rob Demaline, Bookkeeper Cindy Escobar and Lineman Jim Stubinski

White Creek Update – Turbines and Towers Have Arrived

The big news from our White Creek wind project is that the turbines and their towers arrived at the Port of Longview in May and are being delivered to our project site near Goldendale. The turbines were manufactured at the Siemens factory in Brande, Denmark. The towers were built in Korea. Seimens is also sending their 600-ton crane to White Creek to assemble the turbines, each of which comprises a 2.3 MW nacelle (about the size of a motor home), rotor hub and three blades.

The towers themselves are 262.5' tall at the hub. The massive blades – which measure 305' diameter – will begin to

rotate as winds reach 6.7mph. At 9mph they will turn at six rpm. At 29mph wind speed, the blades increase their rotation to a maximum of 16rpm. When the project is up and running (which we anticipate will occur by the end of this year), we expect the wind farm to generate 205MW annually – enough power for 60,000 homes.

Meanwhile, at the project site, road work is on schedule and progress continues on the foundations. Overall, the project is going well and we're actually a little ahead of schedule. We'll keep you posted.

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Legislative Recap

Power Pals – Thanks for Your Help!

The 2007 Legislative Session ended with the passage of several bills – including the Metals Theft bill – important to LLP members.

As it was signed by Gov. Gregoire, the Metals Theft bill is geared to thwarting sales of illegal scrap metal.

- Payment for scrap metal from non-commercial customers must now be made by check.
- Payment must be delayed for at least 10 days, and must now be made by mail.
- Additional penalties can be charged if damage caused by the theft exceeds the value of the metal stolen.

“Support from grass-roots groups – like LLP’s Power Pals – really helped get this important bill passed,” says Kent Lopez, head of Washington Rural Electric Co-operative Association (WRECA).

Thanks to our Power Pals who helped with this effort!

Public Power Wins Legal Victory

– BPA Suspends Payments to Private Utilities

On May 3, 2007, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that a settlement between the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and regional investor owned utilities (IOUs), was illegal, and that BPA could not include in its public utility rates the costs of this illegal settlement. This is a significant victory for public power, since under this settlement BPA has been paying the IOUs, and charging public utilities, over \$300 million per year since 2001.

The settlement stemmed from provisions of the 1980 Northwest Power Act. The Act directed BPA to make payments to the IOUs to offset the higher power costs of their residential customers, and established how those payments would be calculated. It also capped those payments to ensure that BPA’s public utility rates were no greater than they would have been without the Act. BPA entered into the settlement to resolve its payment obligation to the IOUs for a ten year period.

The Court found that the settlement failed to comply with the provisions of the Act.

As a result of this decision, BPA suspended settlement payments to the IOUs. This will increase IOU rates to residential customers by 12-14%. The decision may result in BPA reducing its wholesale rates to public utilities.

For the longer term, this decision will ensure that both BPA’s public utility rates, and the payments by BPA to the IOUs, will comply with the provisions of the Act. To that end, BPA has called on its public utility and IOU customers to work together to implement the decision. The Northwest Congressional delegation has echoed this request. Public power is working with BPA and the IOUs to implement the decision, and Lakeview Light and Power is supporting that effort.

We will continue to work hard to ensure that you pay the lowest rates possible, and will keep you informed on this situation.

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Fuel Mix

The Washington State Office of Trade and Economic Development requires that all Washington electric utilities annually publish their fuel mix. Lakeview Light is complying with that requirement:

<u>Fuel</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Biomass	0.13
Coal	2.32
Hydro	83.82
Natural Gas	0.89
Nuclear	10.69
Petroleum	0.03
Waste	0.05
<u>Wind</u>	<u>2.07</u>
Total	100.00

New Drop Box Location

Our Bill Payment Drop Box is now located under cover in our drive-thru.

Find Your Account Number, Win \$20

In each issue of The Light, we hide five randomly chosen account numbers (like 12345-678). If you find yours, call us at 584-6060 before the next newsletter is published and you’ll receive a \$20 credit on your next bill. Good luck!

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