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Newsletter

Line crews replace a regulator at the Dana Roberts substation in Port Townsend

### Clean Audit for PUD

6th clean accountability audit in a row for PUD!

WA State Auditors determined the PUD complies with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies in all areas examined. The reports determined the PUD provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources.

All of the PUDs financial and audit documents are available to the public on online at *jeffpud.org/ finances* 

### Water System Plan: APPROVED

The WA Dept of Health has approved the PUDs 10-year water system plan for its nearly 4,500 water customers. The plan is a living document accounting for systems changes and presents key infrastructure projects for state funding opportunities. See the full plan on jeffpud.org/watersystem-planning

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### The Mix: 96.5% Carbon-Free Power

4% Unspecified .5% Wind Nearly 96.5% of Jefferson County's electricity comes from carbon-free, renewable sources. The majority of our power comes directly from dam facilities on the Columbia River and Energy Northwest's Columbia Nuclear Generating Station near Richland. Unspecified sources are small power purchases from various sources that WA state does not require BPA to report.

Nationally, 38.7% of energy comes from renewable sources making our power some of the cleanest and greenest in the country.

Percentages are provided by the WA State Dept. of Commerce in the annual Fuel Mix Disclosure Report.

## All in a Days Work (Literally)

Work at a utility can often be summed up in one word: Variety. Whether shifting power lines to assist the move of a giant vessel, replacing a substation regulator on Super Bowl Sunday, connecting a local radio station to fiber, or installing AMI meters across the utility, it's all in a day's work for the

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Jefferson PUD team.

If you or someone you know is looking for a career opportunity with a professional, communitycentered team, please visit *jeffpud.org/employment* to see all current employment openings and to apply today!



# Making the Connection: Shine-Bywater System

The PUDs water team began work to replace water mains in the Shine area near the Hood Canal Bridge. The Shine Plat project requires approx. 2,600 feet of water main to be installed, consisting of approximately 1,700 feet of 8-inch water main, 900 feet of 4-inch, and connection of water services to residents (typically 5/8"- 3/4" lines from meter-to-home). Three

fire hydrants will also be installed in the area. Once flow testing for the hydrants is complete. 2.700 feet of electric and fiber conduit and electric vaults will be installed.

In 2017, the PUD was petitioned by residents of the Shine Plat water system to form a Local Utility District (LUD) as the funding mechanism to finance improvements needed based upon a 2016 consolidation feasibility study.

The 27 customers on the Shine Plat system will join with the 248 active customers into the nearby Bywater Bay system.

Seton Construction, Inc. of Port Townsend was chosen as project contractor. All work is scheduled for completion in April 2023.

#### Tues. April 11 10 Years of Public Power 11:30 - 1:00 @ 310 Four Corners Rd LUNCH PROVIDED! **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

### When Will I Get My PUD Fiber?

Right now, we estimate home and business fiber installations will begin later this summer in the Quilcene and Discovery Bay areas. We are not far enough along in planning to determine when specific neighborhoods or project areas might get connected, but information will be available in the coming months. We are still estimating completion of all funded project areas in 2024.

Why is construction planning taking so long? Good question! Delays have resulted from release of grant funding by the state and federal government. We couldn't begin any work, especially engineering and construction, until we had signed contracts to access funds.

Already signed up? If you are already signed up there is nothing more you need to do at this time. You are on the list to receive fiber. Not signed up?

Make sure to scan the QR code or visit fiber.jeffpud.org to see if your home or business is within one of our home or business fiber areas. Grant funds only pay the connection charge for the first 60% of service addresses in a project area.



#### Hand Joins Broadband Team

Cody Hand brings 20 years' experience as a former satellite technician and network engineer for the U.S. Army. He worked around the world from Afghanistan, Iraq, Germany, Italy, South Korea,



Cody Hand

and finally to Fort Lewis where he completed active duty. Prior to joining the PUD as our first Broadband Network Engineer, Hand worked for the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma as a Network Engineer.

Hand and his wife, Amy, are avid campers and moved to the Quilcene area last September for all the Olympics has to offer. Hand will help design, build and operate our new 10Gb network.

The PUD Mailing Address has changed! Please send all utility mail to: 310 Four Corners Rd Port Townsend, WA 98368

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