

# PUD CUSTOMER CONDUIT

Public Power, Local Services, Community Connections

Jefferson County PUD's Monthly Newsletter, August 2018



## UNDERGROUNDING DOWNTOWN

Though the sidewalks are poured and Water Street repaved, the PUD's work downtown is just ramping up.

From August of 2018 until May of 2019 we are going to be busy pulling wire and connecting both buildings and businesses to new underground electrical service. We'll also be taking down the old overhead service: removing wires, transformers, and eventually the power poles, too.

Though work will be ongoing for many months, interruptions to local businesses, residents, and visitors will be minimal. PUD or contractor vehicles will occupy limited numbers of parking spaces for short times. Work will generally be confined to morning hours and will be completed in 4 phases.

In each phase connections to new underground electrical service will require planned power outages and

will be performed on a customer by customer basis. Each outage is anticipated to last between two and six hours. Plenty of notice will be given. When possible, we will work with specific businesses, building owners, or residents to determine more acceptable hours for service interruption.

**PHASE 1: AUG to SEPT 2018**  
Involves properties between WA State Ferry Terminal and the building housing Quimper Mercantile and Don's Pharmacy on the south side of Water Street as well as between Subway sandwiches building and the Sanderling Building on the north side of Water Street.

**PHASE 2: OCT to NOV 2018**  
Includes all properties between Sanderling Building and Polk St on the north side of Water Street. Includes some excavation work on Polk Street to extend underground

conduit to new ground mounted transformers behind the buildings.

**PHASE 3: OCT to DEC 2018**  
Involves all properties between Polk and Tyler Streets on the north side of Water. Includes excavation on Tyler Street to connect underground conduit to new ground mounted transformers behind buildings. Also, the boring of a conduit tunnel under Washington Street to bring power from overhead to underground on Tyler.

**PHASE 4: JAN to MAY 2019**  
Involves all properties between Tyler and Taylor on both sides of Water Street.

Additional trenching and conduit work will also take place on Jefferson, Washington, and Quincy Streets between Aug 2018 and May 2019 in coordination with the City of PT's sidewalk extensions.

## LATE FEES TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

After many months of study and due date. A three business days' grace deliberation, as well as input from interim period will be given before the late fee CFO Tammy Lehman, the Citizens is assessed. Fees will only be assessed to accounts owing \$50.01 or more.

**Residential**  
**\$5**  
**Commercial**  
**1% or \$5**

### RESIDENTIAL

A \$5 late fee will be added to any electric, water, sewer or combination residential account not paid by the bill's

### COMMERCIAL

For commercial accounts, the late fee is 1% of the total amount due or \$5, whichever is greater. Three business days' grace period applies to commercial accounts as well, as does the \$50.01 fee threshold.

## CALENDAR

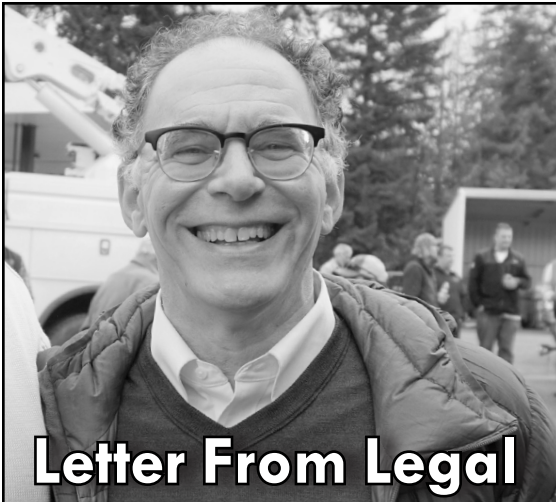
**August 7 & 21, 5pm**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Jefferson Transit Board Room

**August 13, 2pm**  
Citizen's Advisory Board  
PUD 4 Corners Meeting Room

**August 20, 1pm**  
Special Meeting: Budget  
Jefferson Transit Board Room

**September 4, 5pm**  
Regular Board Meeting  
Jefferson Transit Board Room

*Regular board meetings take place at 5pm on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. Agendas & minutes available on our website.*



## Letter From Legal

*Joel Paisner, JPUD General Counsel*

**What Makes PUDs Special?** Public Utility Districts (“PUDs”) have a long history in Washington state. Publicly owned, locally elected, PUDs have proven their ability to provide reliable, affordable, and clean electricity. A PUD serves its customers and community, not shareholders.

**What Makes Jefferson County Special?** Jefferson County is unique in the modern era. In the face of Puget Sound Energy’s (PSE) strong opposition, and many challenges (both known and unknown!) Jefferson County chose to purchase and take over PSE’s electric facilities, and help bring nearly 40 new family wage jobs to the area. Being a part of that process was a real honor.

**Why Do We Need a Good Lawyer?** Everybody needs a good lawyer! I began my career working as a Civil Prosecutor for King County. I went on to specialize in representing electric utilities throughout the Pacific Northwest and Alaska and understand the unique challenges utilities face every day.

**Opinions on Rural Broadband:** Having been involved in the deployment of wireless and fiber optic networks for 20+ years, I’ve come to appreciate the opportunities broadband brings to rural communities. JPUD is ahead of the many rural areas with its backbone network from both JPUD and NoaNet. It’s a privilege to be representing JPUD as it continues to work to expand broadband services to the local community.

### JEFFERSON COUNTY PUD COMMISSIONERS

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# THE HEAT IS ON: HELP US CONSERVE PUBLIC WATER

It’s hot and dry outside and our PUD wells are pumping 24/7 to keep up with customer demand. Help keep our supplies sufficient and systems safe by being smart about water use. Save money too!

## WATER YOUR LAWN OR GARDEN ON ALTERNATING DAYS:

- Even numbered addresses water on Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays.
- Odd numbered addresses water on Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays.

## LIMIT WATERING TO EARLY MORNING OR EVENING HOURS.

**AVOID:** spray intensive car, boat, deck, sidewalk, or driveway washings. Use a commercial facility for vehicles or a bucket wash instead if necessary on site.

## FREE OUTDOOR WATER SAVING KITS

PUD water customers are invited to pick up a FREE Outdoor Water Saving Kit at our Customer Service counter, M-F, 9-5pm, 310 Four Corners Rd.

The kit includes: Teflon spigot leak repair tape; 2 hose mending unions; 12 washers for fixing leaky connections; a lawn sprinkler gauge and water ruler for measuring how much water you apply to your lawn (1” is ideal); and a variable setting home & garden spray nozzle.



## COME SEE US AT THE FAIRS!

### JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR:

Friday, August 10 through Sunday, Aug 12th

### ALL COUNTY PICNIC:

HJ Carroll Sunday August 19th, 11am to 4pm

### QUILCENE FAIR:

Saturday, September 8th, 9am to 4pm

## LOW INCOME PROGRAM GROWS IN 2018

Jefferson County PUD is with income above 125%. The Commissioners have since raised the qualifying level for our low-income program to 150% of Federal Poverty, and expects to see even more customers sign up for the credit during the upcoming 2018-2019 winter season.

Prior to May 25th, our low income program provided customers whose income was equal or below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level with a bill credit of \$39.50 per month, or \$20 for qualifying seniors

**TO APPLY FOR LOW INCOME ASSISTANCE:**  
[jeffpud.org/assistance](http://jeffpud.org/assistance)  
**OR CALL (360) 385-5800**  
**INCOME VERIFICATION PROVIDED BY OLYCAP**