



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
September 23, 2025, 2:00 p.m.
Cowlitz PUD Board Room & Microsoft Teams**

Board of Commissioners: Dave Quinn, Duane Dalglish, Bruce Pollock

The Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. Members of the public interested in participating via Microsoft Teams should contact Monica Petterson at mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 2025. To attend by phone, please call 1-323-484-8960 (Conference ID: 490 131 405#) at the time of the meeting. If you require a reasonable accommodation while in attendance at the Cowlitz PUD Board Meeting, please call Monica at (360) 501-9154 at least 72-hours prior to the meeting so that your needs can be addressed.

Please note that public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

1. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda
3. **Motion to Approve** Today's Board Agenda: Dave Quinn
4. **Motion to Approve** the PUD Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025:
Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll: Heather Sorensen
7. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta
8. Action Items

- 8.1 **Motion to Approve** Staff Recommendation No. 21/9/23 – Revised Wholesale Energy and Credit Risk Management Policy: Heather Sorensen
- 8.2 **Motion to Approve** Resolution No. 2828 – Rate Adoption: Trent Martin

9. Staff Reports and Presentations

9.1 August 2025 Operational Reports

- Power Management
- Accounting & Finance
- Operations
- Engineering
- Customer Service
- Employee Services
- Public Relations & Communications
- Regulatory & Regional Affairs

10. **Executive Session:** If needed, the Presiding Officer will follow the Executive Session Procedure included with this agenda. Following the Executive Session, the Board may take action in public related to the Executive Session.

11. **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting

COWLITZ PUD EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEDURE

The Board may meet in Executive Session for any reason authorized under the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.110 (1), using the following procedure:

1. Announce the Executive Session

We will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) for _____ minutes unless extended by the Presiding Officer. The purpose of the executive session is (choose one of the following):

- a. (i) To consider matters affecting national security;
(ii) To consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW [19.255.010](#) and [42.56.590](#), and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets;
- b. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- c. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- d. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- f. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing, or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
- g. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW [42.30.140\(4\)](#), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- i. To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

2. Return to Open Public Meeting

- a. Once the session concludes, the board will return to open meeting.
- b. If any action is taken it must take place in open meeting.
- c. Action may not take place earlier than the time for which the executive session was to conclude, including any extensions announced by the Presiding Officer.

Note: The foregoing is not a complete list of allowed purposes to hold an executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) but represents the most likely purposes for Cowlitz PUD.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS****Tuesday, September 9, 2025****Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams**

Present:**COMMISSIONERS**

Dave Quinn, President

Duane Dalgleish, Vice President

Bruce Pollock, Secretary

STAFF

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager

Amanda Farrar, Environmental Compliance Manager

Casey Kalal, Director of Operations

Chris Velat, Director of Power Management

Dever Haffner-Ratliffe, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator

Devin Henthorn, Customer Engineering Manager

Gary Huhta, General Manager

Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance

Jose Bueno, Engineering Drafting Technician

Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering

Lorraine Clark, GIS Technician

Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board

Paul Stephenson, GIS Supervisor

Richard Hughes, General Counsel

Scott Caleen, Environmental & Power Resource Analyst

Steve Taylor, Director of Regulatory & Regional Affairs

Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology

Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

PUBLICMike Kayser

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to published Notice, Commissioner Quinn called the Regular Board meeting of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO BOARD AGENDA

There were no changes to the meeting agenda.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the September 9, 2025 Board Agenda.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the August 26, 2025 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was no public comment.

6. MOTION TO RATIFY/APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$19,907,605.02. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between August 28, 2025 and September 4, 2025, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the ratification of the vouchers/payroll.

Heather Sorensen, in her role as Auditor for the District, reported the majority of expenses were for a scheduled bond payment, taxes, power supply, payroll, and benefits.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTIONS

Devin Henthorn introduced Engineering Drafting Technician Jose Bueno.

Paul Stephenson introduced GIS Technician Lorraine Clark.

Amanda Farrar introduced Environmental and Power Resource Analyst Scott Caleen.

8. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

BPA Residential Exchange Program (REP): General Manager Gary Huhta reported BPA's REP was part of the 1980 Northwest Power Act and was designed to spread the wealth of the low-cost hydro system. Normally BPA would determine benefits to the IOUs, however the 2012 REP settlement locked in a fixed payment stream. With the Provider of Choice contracts, there is no defined settlement or exchange. BPA is now working to resolve this by conducting a series of public workshops to develop a REP Residential Purchase and Sale Agreement for IOUs. The initial workshop will take place next week and BPA has invited the public utilities and IOUs to participate in the discussion.

2025 Solar Credits: The Washington State University Energy Office compiles meter readings and data that is used in determining credits for solar customers. They recently informed us their review process will not be completed for another two weeks. District staff will distribute credits to our solar customers once we receive the data.

Board Workshop: A workshop will be held with the Board the morning of October 14, 2025 to discuss long range planning for the operations campus. If time allows, we may have another one or two topics on the agenda.

Weekend for Warm Neighbor: The annual Weekend for Warm Neighbor events will take place this week. Eat for Heat will be held on Thursday followed by the golf tournament on Friday. Results of both events will be reported to the Board once final figures are tallied.

9. ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1. Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO, reported that the District's proposed 2026 budget does not include a request for a tax levy. Staff recommend the Board approve that notice be sent to the Cowlitz County Commissioners that no tax levy will be requested.

Open Public Hearing

Commissioner Quinn opened the Statutory Budget Hearing to take public comment on whether it will be necessary to request a property tax levy for the year 2026. There were no comments from the public.

Close Public Hearing

Commissioner Quinn closed the public hearing.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to authorize notice be sent to the Cowlitz County Commissioners that no tax levy will be requested for the year 2026 and that the General Manager or his designee be authorized to sign the notice.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

- 9.2. Motion to Adopt 2026 Budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adopt the 2026 Budget.

Trent Martin explained staff is requesting adoption of the 2026 Budget following recent budget workshops with the Board in which staff reviewed the District's goals and financial constraints, the overall preliminary budget, labor costs, operating expenses, capital, and no new debt. Based on efforts and analysis over the last several months, staff recommend adoption of the 2026 Budget as presented.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

- 9.3. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 20/9/9 – Customer Service Policies Update.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 20/9/9.

Heather Sorensen explained the Customer Service Policies have been reviewed by staff in accordance with the annual review and update cycle. The Policies were last approved by the Board on October 22, 2024. General policy revisions included comprehensive rewording of all policies to enhance legal clarity and ensure consistent formatting and tone throughout. In addition to the revision of existing policies, the following new policies were added: SMS Communication, Transformer Rate, Low-Income Net Metering Rate, and Residential Account Deposits.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 3:59 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

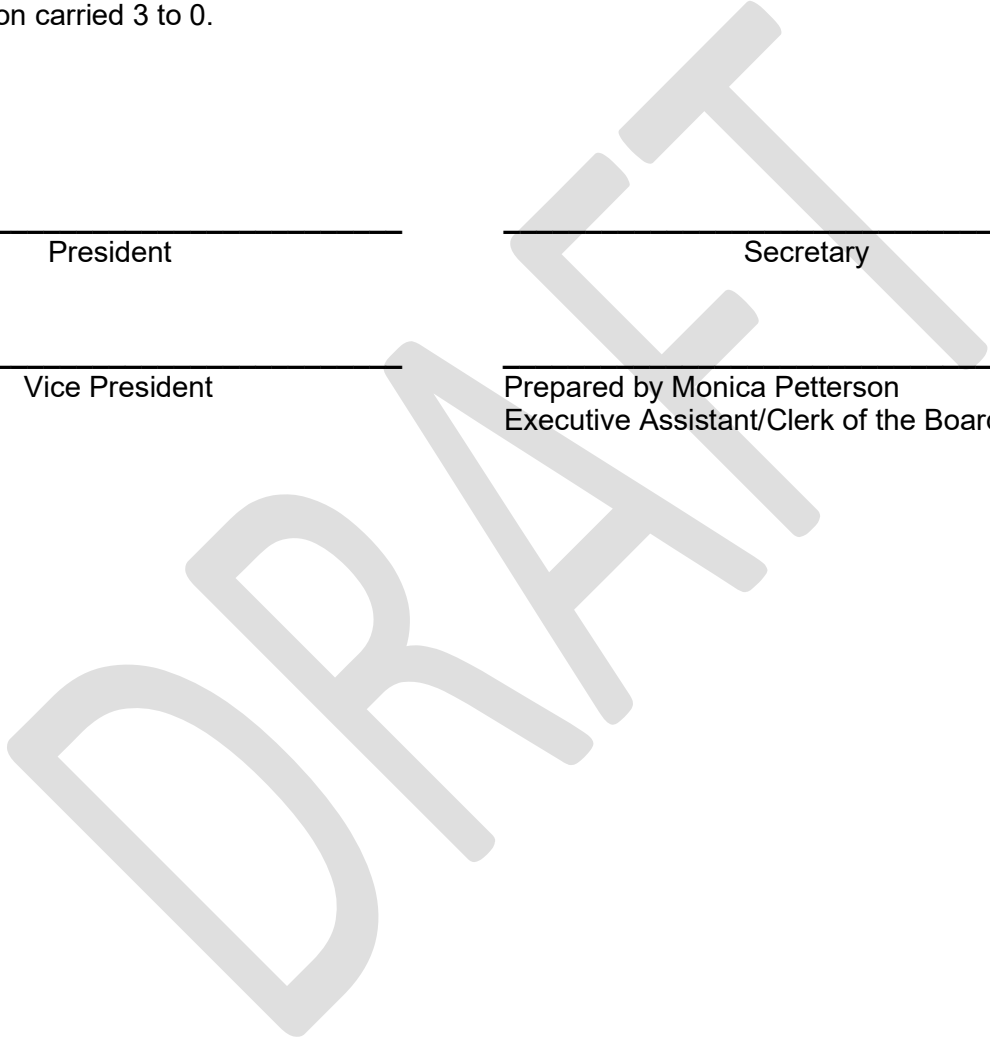
Attest:

President

Secretary

Vice President

Prepared by Monica Petterson
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board



Date: September 23, 2025

Staff Recommendation No. 21/9/23

To: Board of Commissioners
Gary Huhta, General Manager

From: Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service and Compliance

Subject: **Revised Wholesale Energy and Credit Risk Management Policy**

In accordance with Section 1.6.1 of the Wholesale Energy and Credit Risk Management Policy, the General Manager is required to review the Policy annually by October 1st, or more frequently if deemed appropriate. This review is conducted to determine whether the Policy should be amended, supplemented, or updated to reflect business developments or other appropriate business reasons.

The Policy was last updated and approved by the Board on September 24, 2024. As part of the 2025 annual review process, the Risk Management Advisory Committee (RMAC), acting strictly in an advisory capacity, conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the Policy and presented proposed modifications to the General Manager.

Upon approval of the proposed revisions by the General Manager, a summary of changes was shared with each Board member individually for review and discussion.

Key Changes Include:

- General policy administration and clarification
- Expanded roles and responsibilities to address participation in developing regional capacity programs
- Hedging program enhancements

The General Manager has approved the revised Policy and recommends its formal adoption by the Board.



Heather Sorensen
Director of Customer Service and Compliance

To: Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners
Gary Huhta, General Manager

From: Trent Martin, Director of Accounting and Finance

Re: Rates Resolution Adoption

Date: September 23, 2025

The Board adopted the 2026 Budget at the September 9, 2025 Board Meeting.

As part of last year's budget and rate efforts, it was noted rate action would likely be needed this year to address net power supply costs.

With the Budget adoption, the Board instructed Staff to present proposed rate schedules, to collect approximately \$3.5 million, reflecting the impact of the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) rate increase, across rate classes, for consideration.

The allocation of the rate action to the various rate classes and billing components (base, energy and demand charges) to be guided by the District's Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA).

The Board provided opportunity for public comment on the proposed rate action at duly noticed Special Meetings of the Board of Commissioners held on September 16, 2025.

In addition, the District presented the proposed rate action to the Electric Rate Advisory Committee (ERAC) on September 15, 2025.

As noted in the Budget, the District is projecting a deficit driven largely by increasing net power costs mostly from the BPA rate increases (4.2% power and 12.4% transmission) and softening wholesale power market prices. In addition, inflation continues to impact other costs. These factors are not within the District's ability to control.

Given the projected deficit and continuing uncertainties, Staff is recommending 2025 rate action to cover a portion of the projected deficit, while also using reserves as needed to cover any remaining shortfall. The District will continue to monitor actual operating results and costs and adjust future rates as needed.

Staff recommends the Board adopt Resolution No. 2828 reflecting an approximate 4% rate increase for Schedule 1 and 1.2% increase for Schedules 4, 5, 8 and 9 effective October 1, 2025.

RESOLUTION NO. 2828

A RESOLUTION Relating to Rates for Electric Service and Setting Forth Schedules of Rates and Charges by Classification of Service.

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 54.24.080, the Board of Commissioners is required to establish, maintain and collect rates or charges for electric energy in a manner that is fair, nondiscriminatory and adequate to provide revenues sufficient for the payment of the principal of and interest on revenue obligations for which the payment has not otherwise been provided and all payments which the District is obligated to set aside in any special fund or funds created for such purpose, and for the proper operation and maintenance of the public utility and all necessary repairs, replacements, and renewals thereof; and,

WHEREAS, the District anticipates increases in its costs due to Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) rate action, declining wholesale power market prices and inflation; and,

WHEREAS, the District requires funding for capital (infrastructure) costs for reliability, safety, and capacity; and,

WHEREAS, the District prepared a Budget to determine its revenue requirement; and,

WHEREAS, the results indicate that current rates are insufficient, resulting in a projected deficit, and that a rate modification is necessary; and,

WHEREAS, the District has conducted a Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA) which is designed to inform allocation of the revenue requirement to the various rate classes and billing components (base, energy, and demand charges); and,

WHEREAS, the District presented its revenue requirement results to the Electric Rate Advisory Committee (ERAC) comprised of volunteer citizens to comment on rate matters; and,

WHEREAS, the District Staff made the recommendation to the Board to increase rates to collect approximately \$3.5 million, reflecting the impact of the BPA rate increase, across rate classes to cover a portion of the projected deficit; and,

WHEREAS, based on the current COSA results and Board and ERAC discussions, Staff recommends increasing Schedule 1 by approximately 4% and Schedules 4, 5, 8 and 9 by approximately 1.2%; and,

WHEREAS, District reserves will be used, as needed, for 2026 deficits not covered by the rate increase; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission provided opportunity for public comment at duly noticed Special Meetings of the Board of Commissioners held on September 16, 2025; and,

WHEREAS, the revised rates and any comments received from the public were considered by the Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the Commission finds that the rate schedules as outlined in Section 2 below will

provide the revenue required at this time.

2. **THAT** Rate Schedules 1, 4, 5, 8, and 9 of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, marked Exhibit A, and fully incorporated by reference herein, shall by this reference be hereby established and confirmed effective as of October 1, 2025.
3. **THAT** with this rate action the District shall perform proration for the accounts affected by these rate schedule changes.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington this 23rd day of September 2025.

President

Vice President

ATTEST:

Secretary

Cowlitz PUD

Rates Resolution Adoption

September 23, 2025



Agenda

- Staff's Rates Recommendation/Resolution
- Questions from the Board and Public
- Request Board Adoption of Rates Resolution

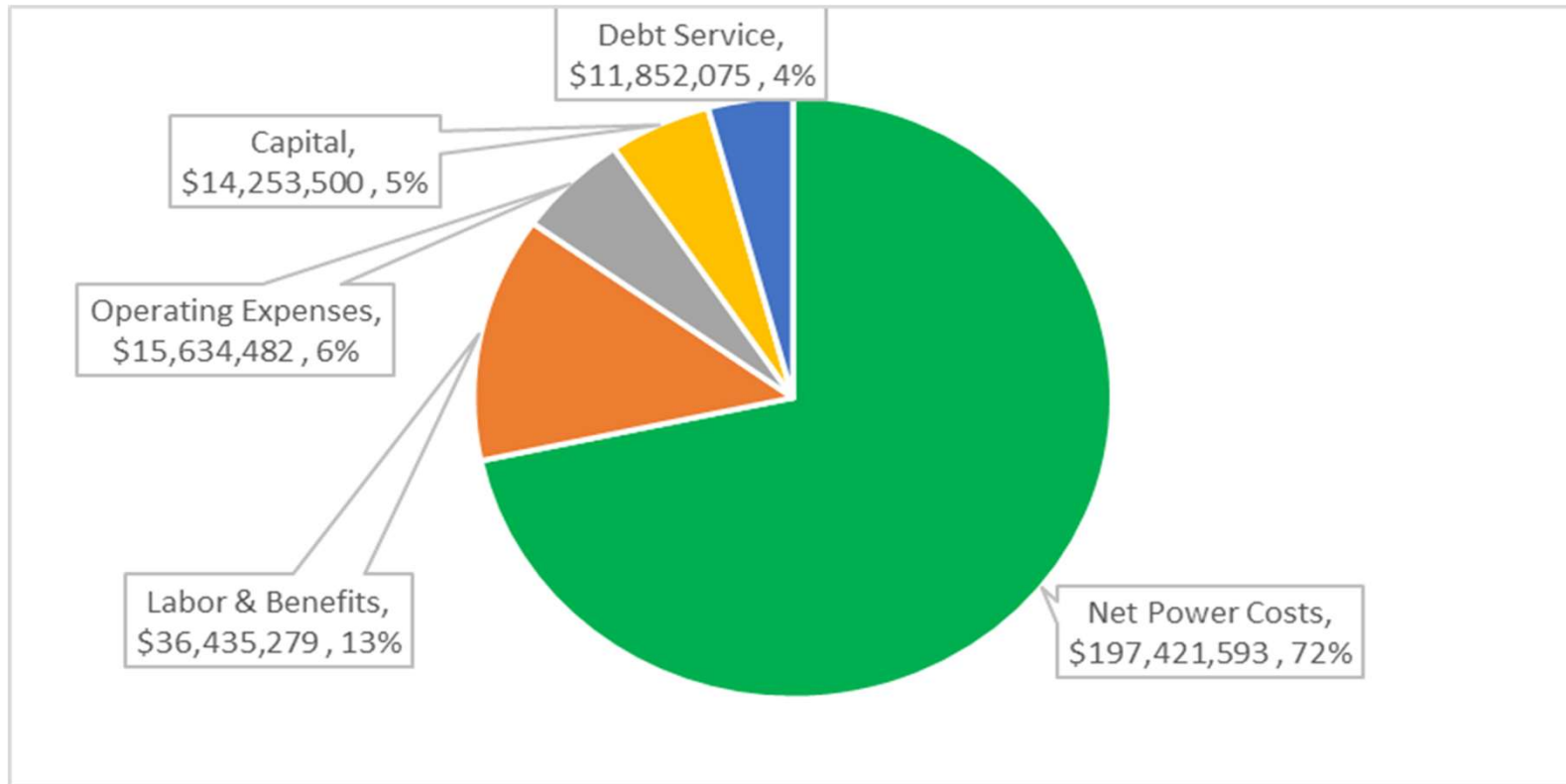
Budget and Rate Process

- Staff Prepared 5-Year Budget Projection
 - Recommended 2025 Rate Increase
- Three Board Workshops
- One Electric Rate Advisory Committee (ERAC) Meeting
- Board Approved 2026 Budget – September 9th
- Rate Hearing – September 16th

Approved Budget

Description	2025	2026	Change	Percent
Retail Revenue, net of taxes	\$ 259,587,141	\$ 261,492,272	\$ 1,905,131	0.73%
Other Revenue	5,500,000	7,300,000	1,800,000	32.73%
Total Retail and Other Revenue	265,087,141	268,792,272	3,705,131	1.40%
Net Power Costs	192,733,458	197,421,593	4,688,135	2.43%
Labor & Benefits	35,109,190	36,435,279	1,326,090	3.78%
Operating Expenses	14,937,060	15,634,482	697,423	4.67%
Capital	24,775,200	14,253,500	(10,521,700)	-42.47%
Debt Service	15,458,809	11,852,075	(3,606,734)	-23.33%
Total Costs and Expenses	283,013,716	275,596,929	(7,416,787)	-2.62%
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (17,926,575)	\$ (6,804,657)	\$ 11,121,918	62.04%

Approved 2026 Budgeted Costs



Taxes are netted with revenue, not depicted in chart ~ \$16.1 Million

Staff's Rates Recommendation/Resolution

- As noted last year, 2025 rate action would likely be needed to address net power costs, in particular in response to the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) rate decision (For Cowlitz - 4.2% Power; 12.4% Transmission)
- Recommend 2025 rate action to collect approximately \$3.5 million to cover the BPA increase, while also using reserves, as needed, to cover the remaining projected shortfall
- Recommend adjusting rates on average 4% for residential and 1.2% for commercial and industrial
 - Rate adjustments guided by Cost-of-Service Analysis (COSA) – still under-collecting from residential class after increase
- The District will continue to monitor costs and actual operating results and adjust future rates as necessary

Proposed Rate Changes

Rate Class	Current	Proposed	Change
Residential			
Base	\$ 22.00	\$ 24.50	\$ 2.50
kWh	\$ 0.0748	\$ 0.0766	\$ 0.0018
Small General Service			
1-Phase			
Base	\$ 27.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 2.00
kWh	\$ 0.0890	\$ 0.0890	-
3-Phase			
Base	\$ 43.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 8.00
kWh	\$ 0.0890	\$ 0.0890	-

Proposed Rate Changes

Rate Class	Current	Proposed	Change
General Service			
Base	\$ 108.00	\$ 108.00	\$ -
kWh	\$ 0.0565	\$ 0.0565	\$ -
Demand - kW	\$ 8.50	\$ 8.85	\$ 0.35
Large Commercial & Industrial - Primary			
Base	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.00	\$ -
kWh	\$ 0.0542	\$ 0.0542	\$ -
Demand - kW	\$ 8.90	\$ 9.26	\$ 0.36
Large Commercial & Industrial - Transmission			
Base	\$ 221.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 279.00
kWh	\$ 0.0469	\$ 0.0475	\$ 0.0006
Demand - kW	\$ 4.15	\$ 4.15	\$ -

Residential Bill – Various Use Levels

	kWh					
	500		1,350		2,000	
Bill at Current Rates	\$	59.40	\$	122.98	\$	171.60
Bill at Proposed Rates	\$	62.80	\$	127.91	\$	177.70
Dollar Change	\$	3.40	\$	4.93	\$	6.10
Percent Change		5.72%		4.01%		3.55%

Residential Bill Comparison – 1,350 kWh

PUD No 2 of Pacific County	\$	124
PUD No 1 of Cowlitz County	\$	128
PUD No 1 of Clark County	\$	138
PUD No 1 of Lewis County	\$	139
PUD No 1 of Wahkiakum County	\$	140
Tacoma Public Utilities	\$	146
PUD No 1 of Clallam County	\$	162
PUD No 1 of Snohomish County	\$	173
PUD No 1 of Grays Harbor County	\$	176
PUD No 3 of Mason County	\$	184
PUD No 1 of Mason County	\$	187
PUD No 1 of Jefferson County	\$	193
PUD No 1 of Skamania County	\$	193
Seattle City Light	\$	195

Approximately \$5
per month for the
average customer

Residential Base Charge Comparison

Seattle City Light	\$	9.36
PUD No 1 of Clark County	\$	19.00
PUD No 1 of Cowlitz County	\$	24.50
PUD No 1 of Snohomish County	\$	25.79
Tacoma Public Utilities	\$	28.30
PUD No 1 of Wahkiakum County	\$	28.30
PUD No 2 of Pacific County	\$	31.27
PUD No 1 of Jefferson County	\$	33.50
PUD No 1 of Lewis County	\$	33.53
PUD No 1 of Grays Harbor County	\$	41.34
PUD No 1 of Clallam County	\$	45.55
PUD No 1 of Mason County	\$	48.61
PUD No 3 of Mason County	\$	56.42
PUD No 1 of Skamania County	\$	57.00

Questions from the Board and Public

Request Board Adoption of Rates Resolution

SCHEDULE 1 - RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

APPLICABLE: To domestic use of electric energy by residential urban and rural customers (as defined by Cowlitz County Assessor's page) including:

- Residential use (single family homes, boat house, shop, barn, etc.)
- Multi-Residential dwellings that are individually metered (apartments, laundry room)
- Multi-Use premises where less than 25% of the load is used for non-residential purposes
- Shared domestic wells, as defined in Section 4 of the Customer Services Policies
- Adult family homes and parsonages per State statute

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Sixty hertz alternating current of single or three-phase, at available secondary voltage.

POINT OF DELIVERY: Service through a single point of metering and one point of delivery. Separate service for the same premises at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

RATES:

- Base Charge
 - Single Phase \$0.81 per day
 - Three Phase \$1.05 per day
- Energy Charge \$0.0766 per kWh

DISCOUNT RATE: Available 20% or 30% discount for qualifying low-income senior / disabled / veteran customers as defined in Section 4 of the Customer Services Policies.

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL: Shall be the daily Base Charge before any applicable adjustments.

CITY TAX: The amount of tax levied by any city or town in accordance with R.C.W. 54.28.070, of the laws of the State of Washington, will be added to the above charges for electricity sold within the limits of any such city or town.

The Washington State Privilege and Public Utility taxes are included in the above Rates.

RATE SCHEDULE REVIEW: Account usage and characteristics will be reviewed at the discretion of the District and may result in a Rate Schedule change.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Service under this Schedule is subject to the District's Customer Services and Engineering Policies.

EFFECTIVE: Adopted by Resolution No. 2828, effective October 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE 4 – SMALL GENERAL SERVICE

APPLICABLE: To new customers or loads for use of electric energy which are expected to require less than 500kW of Billing Demand monthly including:

- Non-Residential use (businesses, farm, church, school, etc.)
- Multi-Residential dwellings served by a single meter (apartments, mobile home/RV parks)
- Multi-Use premises where more than 25% of the load is used for non-residential purposes

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Sixty hertz alternating current of single or three-phase, at available secondary voltage.

POINT OF DELIVERY: Service through a single point of metering and one point of delivery. Separate service for the same premises at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

RATES:

- Base Charge
 - Single Phase \$0.95 per day
 - Three Phase \$1.68 per day
- Energy Charge \$0.0890 per kWh

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL: Shall be the daily Base Charge before any applicable adjustments.

CITY TAX: The amount of tax levied by any city or town in accordance with R.C.W. 54.28.070, of the laws of the State of Washington, will be added to the above charges for electricity sold within the limits of any such city or town.

The Washington State Privilege and Public Utility taxes are included in the above Rates.

RATE SCHEDULE REVIEW: Account usage and characteristics will be reviewed at the discretion of the District and may result in a Rate Schedule change.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Service under this Schedule is subject to the District's Customer Services and Engineering Policies.

EFFECTIVE: Adopted by Resolution No. 2828, effective October 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE 5 –GENERAL SERVICE

APPLICABLE: To customers for use of electric energy which are expected to require less than 1,000kW of Billing Demand monthly including.

- Non-Residential (businesses, farm, church, school, etc.)
- Multi-Residential dwellings served by a single meter (apartments, mobile home/RV parks)
- Multi-Use premises where more than 25% of the load is used for non-residential purposes

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Sixty hertz alternating current of three-phase, at available secondary or primary voltage.

POINT OF DELIVERY: Service through a single point of metering and one point of delivery. Separate service for the same premises at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

RATES:

- Base Charge \$3.55 per day
- Energy Charge \$0.0565 per kWh
- Demand Charge \$8.85 per kW

BILLING DEMAND: The Billing Demand, after adjustment for Power Factor, will be the highest of:

- The current month's highest 30-minute demand; or
- The Contract Demand (minimum 50kW)

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: A Power Factor Adjustment will be included on the monthly bill if the average power factor at which power is delivered to the customer during the billing period is less than 97%

The adjusted Demand Charge will be calculated as follows:

1. Calculate the average power factor using the formula below (rounded to four decimals)
2. Divide 0.97 by the average power factor calculated in Step 1 (rounded to two decimals)
3. Multiply the power factor multiplier calculated in Step 2 by the calculated demand (rounded to nearest whole number)
4. Multiply the product calculated in Step 3 by the Demand Charge rate to determine the Billed Demand Charge, adjusted for power factor.

The average power factor will be determined by measurement of kilowatt-hours and kilovolt-ampere-reactive hours during the billing period using the following formula:

$$pf = \left\{ \frac{kWh}{\sqrt{(kWh)^2 + (kvarh)^2}} \right\}$$

Where pf = Average Power Factor

Where kWh = Kilowatt-Hours

Where kVARh = Kilovolt-Ampere Reactive Hours

SCHEDULE 5 –GENERAL SERVICE

The meter measuring kilovolt-ampere reactive hours shall be ratcheted to prevent reverse rotation when the power factor of the load is leading. If the meter does not measure kilovolt-ampere reactive hours, no Power Factor Adjustment will be made.

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL: Shall be the daily Base Charge and Minimum Demand Charge before any applicable adjustments.

CITY TAX: The amount of tax levied by any city or town in accordance with R.C.W. 54.28.070, of the laws of the State of Washington, will be added to the above charges for electricity sold within the limits of any such city or town.

The Washington State Privilege and Public Utility taxes are included in the above Rates.

RATE SCHEDULE REVIEW: Account usage and characteristics will be reviewed at the discretion of the District and may result in a Rate Schedule change.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Service under this Schedule is subject to the District's Customer Services and Engineering Policies and as required by Special Contract.

EFFECTIVE: Adopted by Resolution No. 2828, effective October 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE 8 – LARGE COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL – PRIMARY VOLTAGE

APPLICABLE: To customers for use of electric energy which are expected to require primary voltage loads greater than 1,000kW Billing Demand monthly. Any new load considered to be a New Large Single Load (NLSL) is subject to Rate Schedule 62.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Sixty hertz alternating current of three-phase, at available primary voltage. The District reserves the right to determine the availability of service under this Schedule.

- The customer will be responsible for all costs associated with the primary Point-of-Delivery installation including the metering and primary voltage physical disconnect necessary to isolate the customer's facilities from the District's facilities.
- Unless specified by Special Contract with the District, the customer will be responsible for owning, operating and maintaining all electrical facilities and protective equipment on the customer side of the Primary Point-of-Delivery (typically established at the primary meter).
- The customer will provide, install and maintain all necessary transformers to which the District's service is directly or indirectly connected.
- All transformers, facilities, equipment and wiring shall be of types and characteristics acceptable to the District.
- The entire installation and the balance of loads between phases must have the approval of the District.

POINT OF DELIVERY: Service through a single point of metering and one point of delivery. Separate service for the same premises at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

RATES:

- Base Charge \$9.37 per day
- Energy Charge \$0.0542 per kWh
- Demand Charge \$9.26 per kW

BILLING DEMAND: The Billing Demand, after adjustment for Power Factor, will be the highest of:

- The current month's highest 30-minute demand; or
- Sixty percent (60%) of the highest 30-minute period Billing Demand occurring during the preceding eleven (11) months; or
- Sixty percent (60%) of the Contract Demand (minimum 600kW)

POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: A Power Factor Adjustment will be included on the monthly bill if the average power factor at which power is delivered to the customer during the billing period is less than 97%.

The adjusted Demand Charge will be calculated as follows :

1. Calculate the average power factor using the formula below (rounded to four decimals)
2. Divide 0.97 by the average power factor calculated in Step 1 (rounded to two decimals)
3. Multiply the power factor multiplier calculated in Step 2 by the calculated demand (rounded to nearest whole number)

SCHEDULE 8 – LARGE COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL – PRIMARY VOLTAGE

4. Multiply the product calculated in Step 3 by the Demand Charge rate to determine the Billed Demand Charge, adjusted for power factor.

The average power factor will be determined by measurement of kilowatt-hours and kilovolt-ampere-reactive hours during the billing period using the following formula:

$$pf = \left\{ \frac{kWh}{\sqrt{(kWh)^2 + (kvarh)^2}} \right\}$$

Where pf = Average Power Factor

Where kWh = Kilowatt-Hours

Where kVARh = Kilovolt-Ampere Reactive Hours

The meter measuring kilovolt-ampere reactive hours shall be ratcheted to prevent reverse rotation when the power factor of the load is leading. If the meter does not measure kilovolt-ampere reactive hours, no Power Factor Adjustment will be made.

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL: Shall be the daily Base Charge and Minimum Demand Charge before any applicable adjustments.

CITY TAX: The amount of tax levied by any city or town in accordance with R.C.W. 54.28.070, of the laws of the State of Washington, will be added to the above charges for electricity sold within the limits of any such city or town.

The Washington State Privilege and Public Utility taxes are included in the above Rates.

RATE SCHEDULE REVIEW: Account usage and characteristics will be reviewed at the discretion of the District and may result in a Rate Schedule change.

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Service under this Schedule is subject to the District's Customer Services and Engineering Policies and as required by Special Contract. The District may also require a contribution from the Customer for the Customer's required special facilities investment.

EFFECTIVE: Adopted by Resolution No. 2828, effective October 1, 2025.

SCHEDULE 9 – LARGE COMMERCIAL / INDUSTRIAL - TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE

APPLICABLE: To customers for use of electric energy which are expected to require transmission voltage loads greater than 1,000kW Billing Demand monthly. Any new load considered to be a New Large Single Load (NLSL) is subject to Rate Schedule 62.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE: Sixty hertz alternating current of three-phase, at available transmission voltage. The District reserves the right to determine the availability of service under this Schedule.

- The customer will be responsible for all costs associated with the Point-of-Delivery installation, including the metering and physical disconnects necessary to isolate the customer's facilities from the District's facilities.
- Unless specified by Special Contract with the District, the customer will be responsible for owning, operating and maintaining all electrical facilities and protective equipment on the customer side of the Point-of-Delivery.
- The customer will provide, install and maintain all necessary transformers to which the District's service is directly or indirectly connected.
- All transformers, facilities, equipment and wiring shall be of types and characteristics acceptable to the District.
- The entire installation and the balance of loads between phases must have the approval of the District

POINT OF DELIVERY: Service through a single point of metering and one point of delivery. Separate service for the same premises at other points of consumption shall be separately metered and billed.

RATES:

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|-----------------|------------------|
| • Base Charge | \$16.44 per day |
| • Energy Charge | \$0.0475 per kWh |
| • Demand Charge | \$4.15 per kW |

BILLING DEMAND: The Billing Demand, after adjustment for Power Factor, will be the highest of:

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POWER FACTOR ADJUSTMENT: A Power Factor Adjustment will be included on the monthly bill if the average power factor at which power is delivered to the customer during the billing period is less than 97%.

The adjusted Demand Charge will be calculated as follows

1. Calculate the average power factor using the formula below (rounded to four decimals)
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1. Power Management

1.1 District Load Summary (TRL)

1.1.1 Non-Industrial Load

1.1.2 Major Industrial Load

1.2 Heating Degree Days

1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

1.4 Runoff Forecast

1.5 Resource Performance

1.5.1 BPA Power

1.5.2 Swift No.2

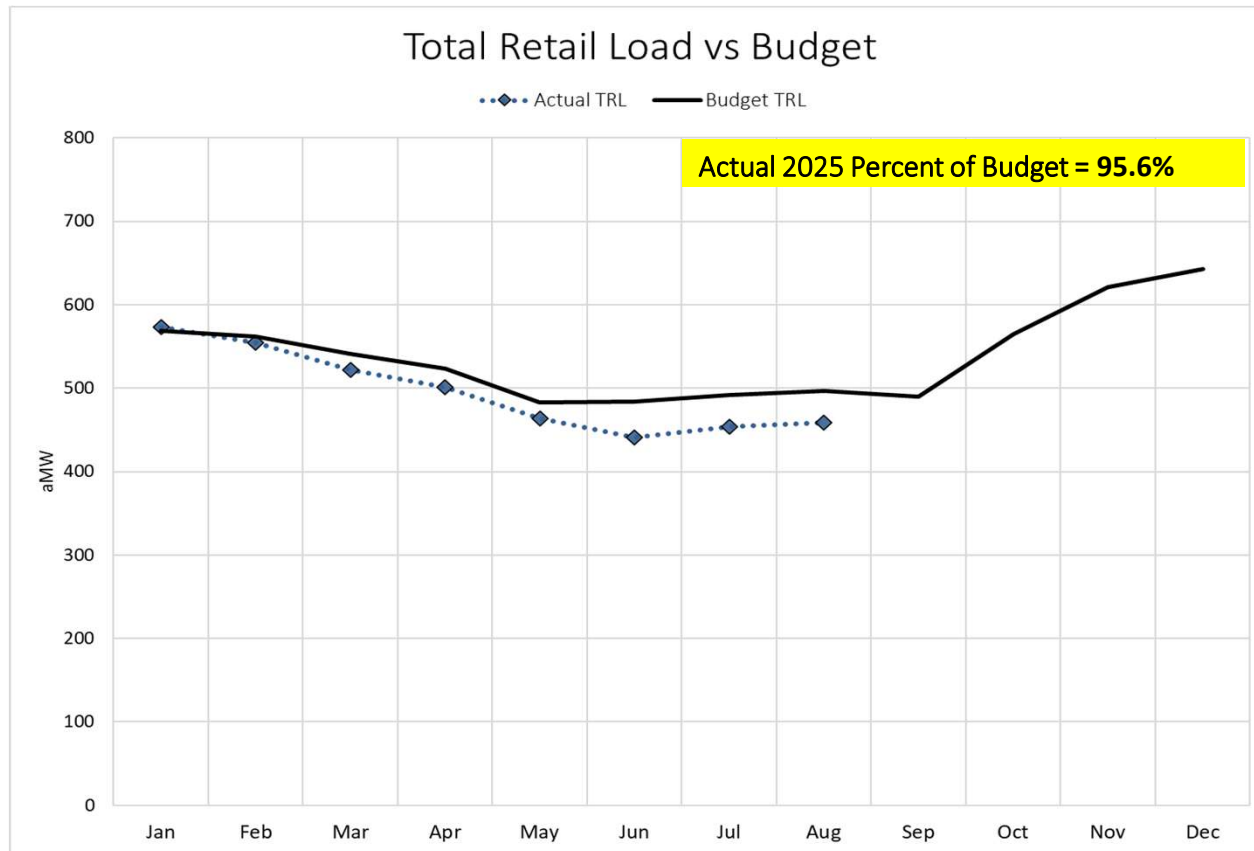
1.5.3 Wind (White Creek and Harvest Wind)

1.6 Wholesale Market Prices (Power & Natural Gas)

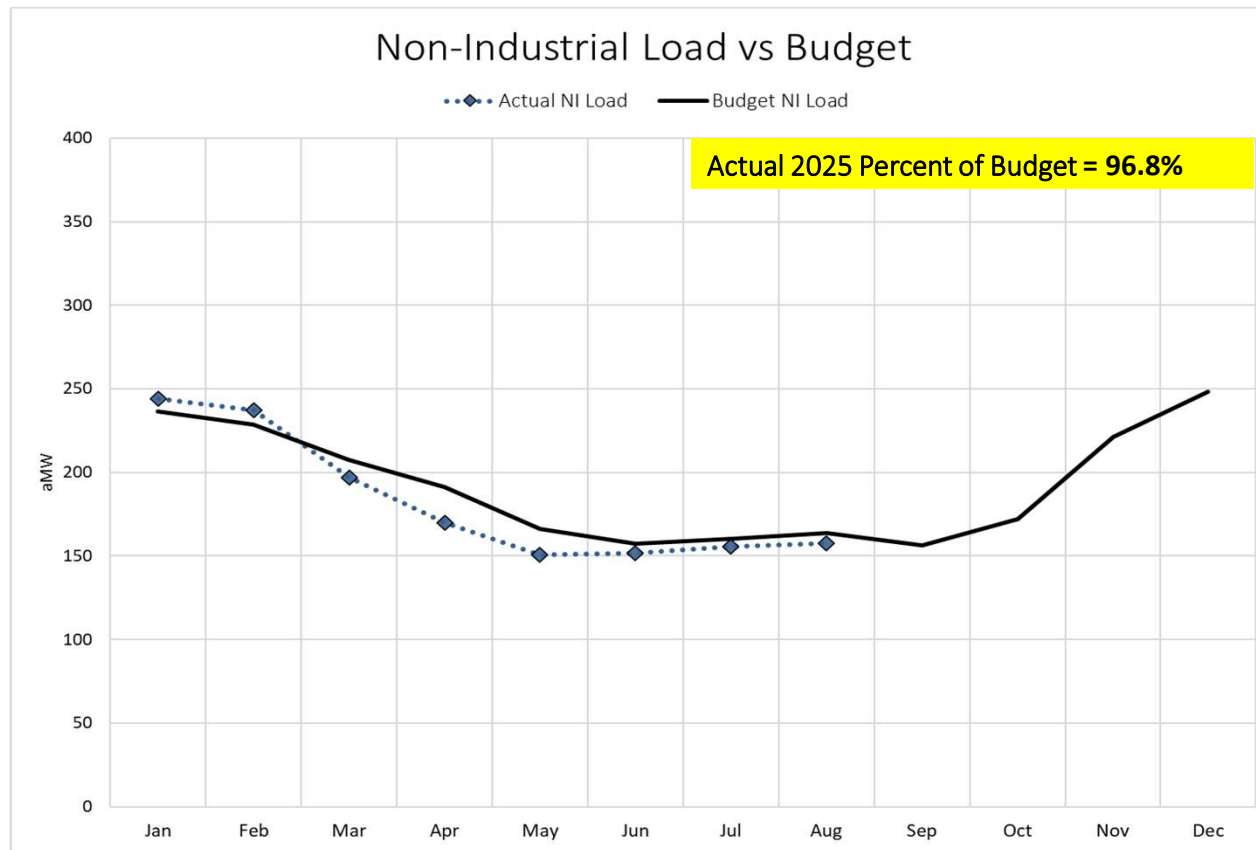
1.7 Net Secondary Sales Revenue

1.8 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50

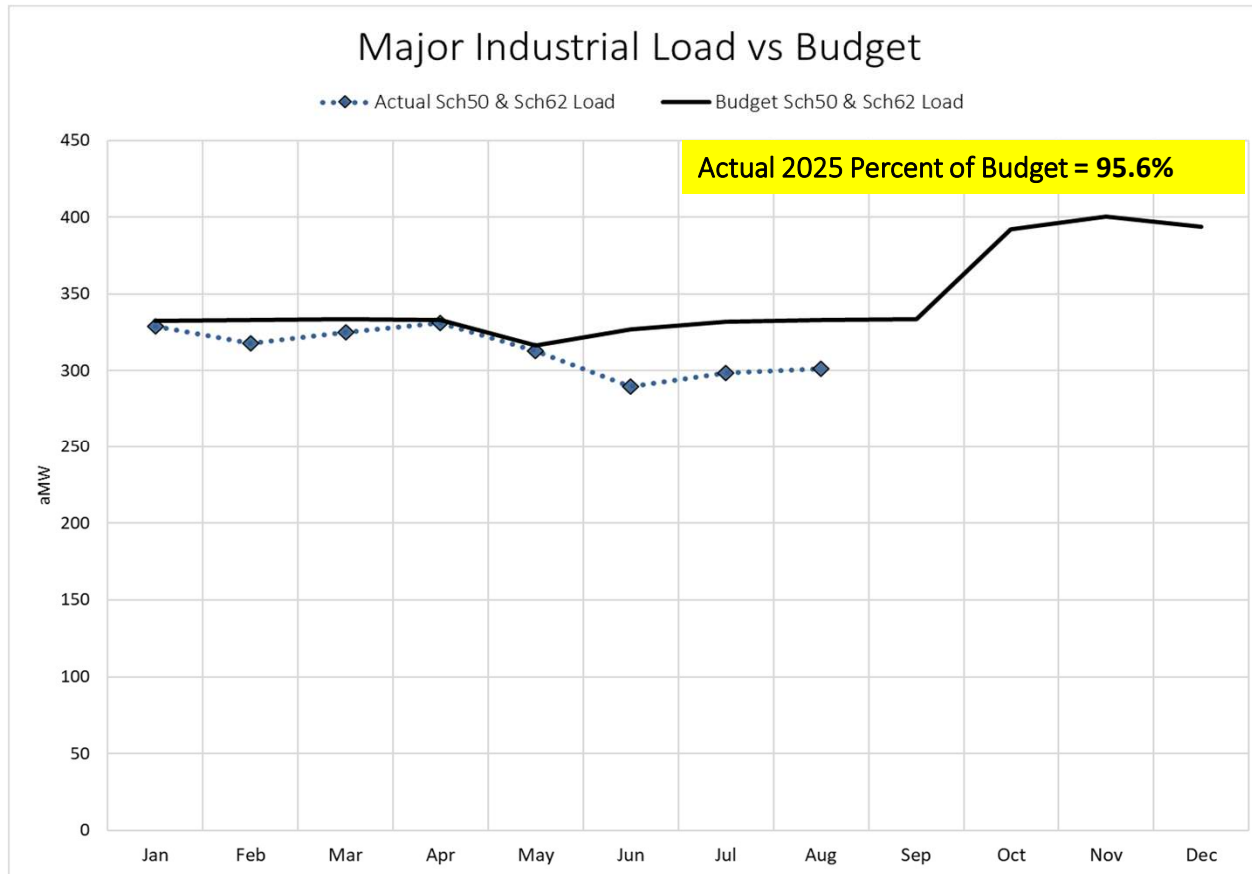
1.1 District Load Summary (Total Retail Load)



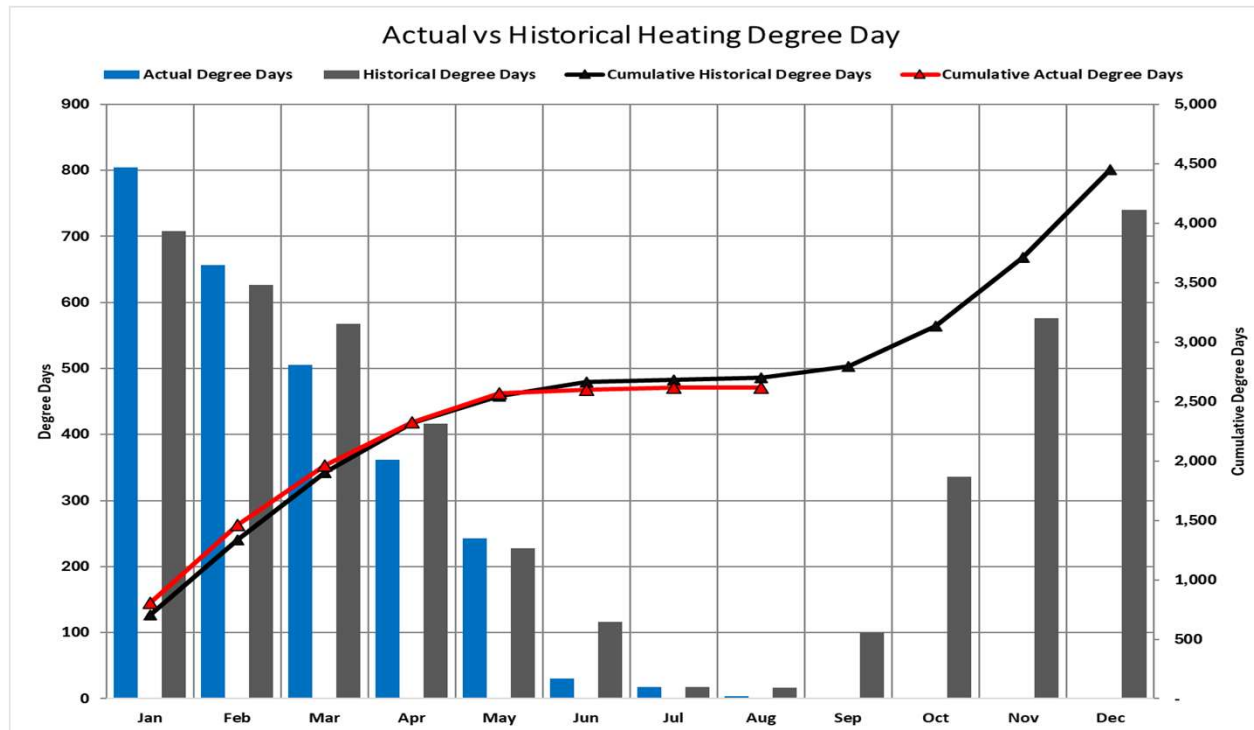
1.1.1 Non-Industrial Load Summary



1.1.2 Major Industrial Load Summary

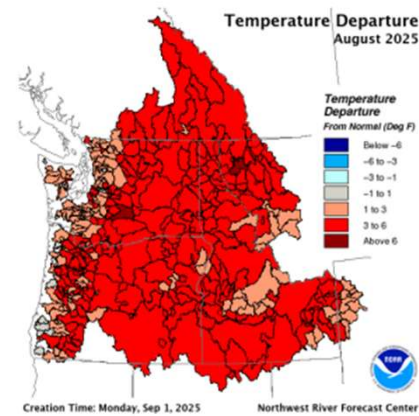
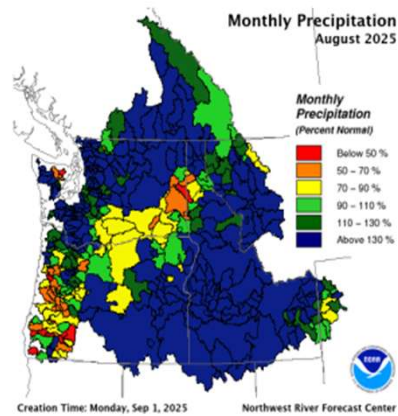
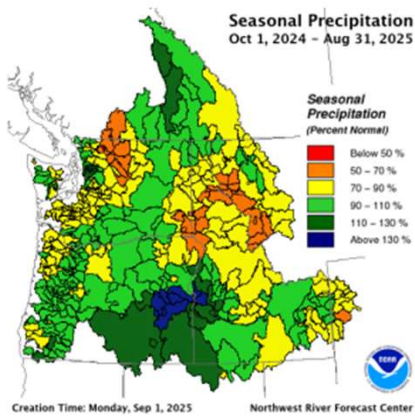


1.2 Heating Degree Days



Temperatures in August were slightly above average, finishing at 24% of the historical average Heating Degree Days (HDD) for the month. The HDD year-to-date is currently 97% of average; a 1% decrease from the previous month's report.

1.3 Precipitation & Temperature

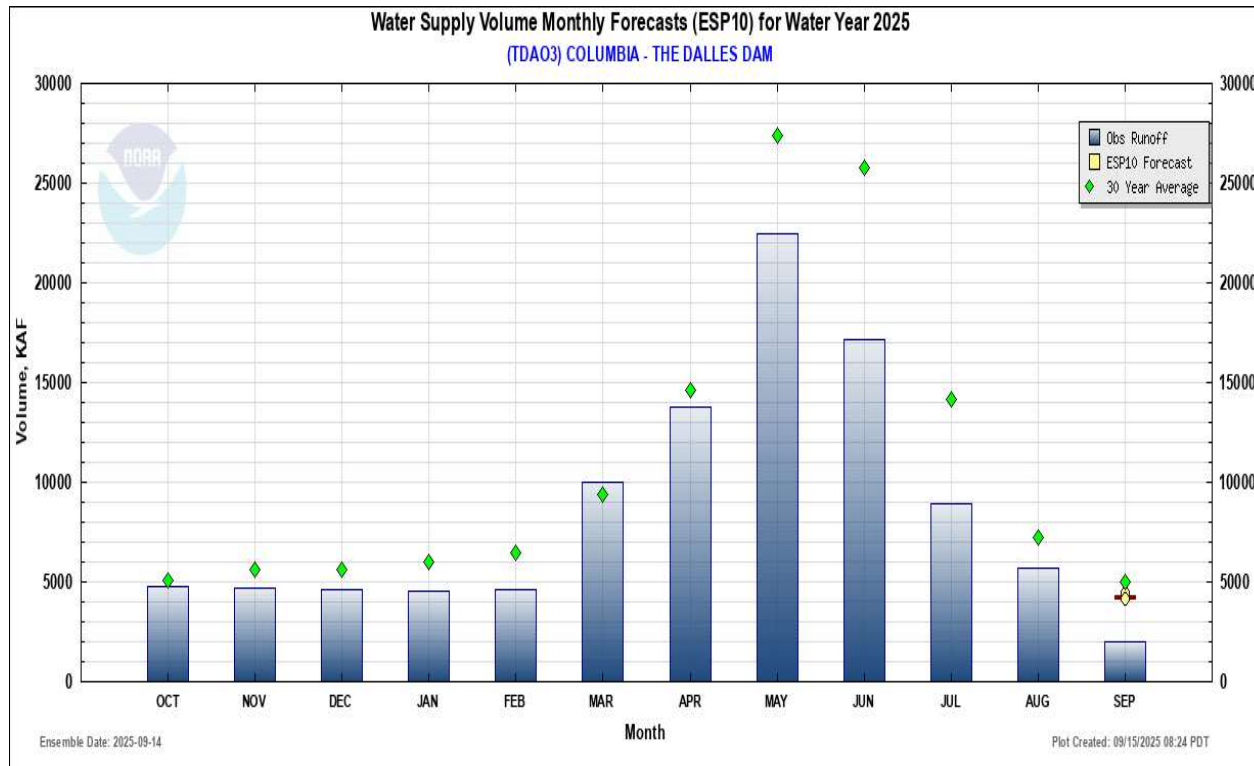


The seasonal precipitation through August has continued to be above average for the Snake basin up through the middle of the PNW region.

Precipitation for the month of August was above average for a large portion of the region, specifically the southeast and northwestern areas.

Temperatures in August were above average for the PNW, with areas West of the Cascades witnessing mild temperatures compared to the East side.

1.4 Runoff Forecast



August's water supply finished at 79% of average. September is forecasted to finish at 85% of average. The Water Supply Forecast at the Dalles for Oct-Sep (WY2025) is forecasted to finish at 80%.

1.5 Resource Performance

BPA Federal System Power



Swift No. 2



Harvest & White Creek Wind



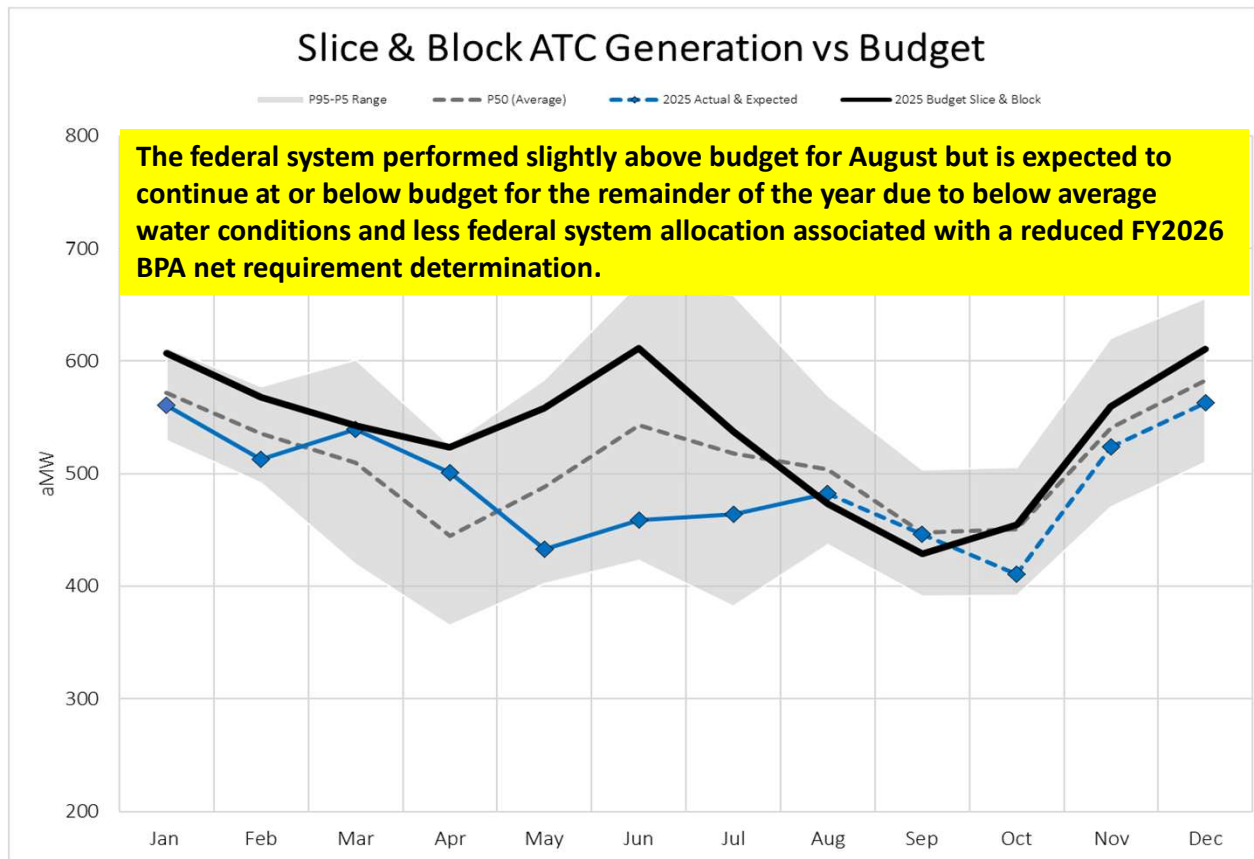
Annual Resource Projections vs Budget

The BPA Federal System is anticipated to produce 91% of the budgeted expected generation. Down 3% from the previous report.

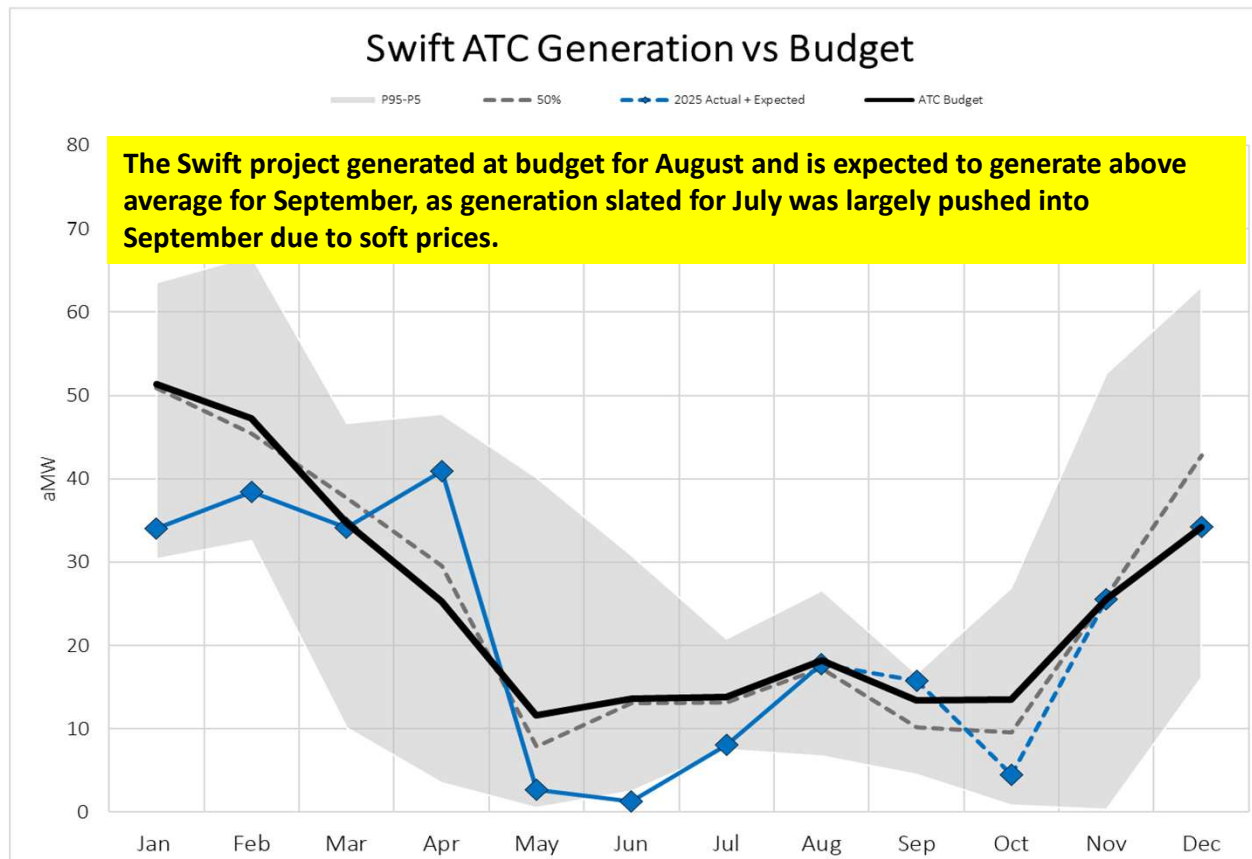
Swift No. 2 is currently anticipated to produce 85% of the budgeted expected ATC generation in 2025. Down 2% from the previous report.

HW & WCW are anticipated to produce 113% of the budgeted expected generation in 2025. This percentage is largely attributed to the new Harvest Wind allocation.

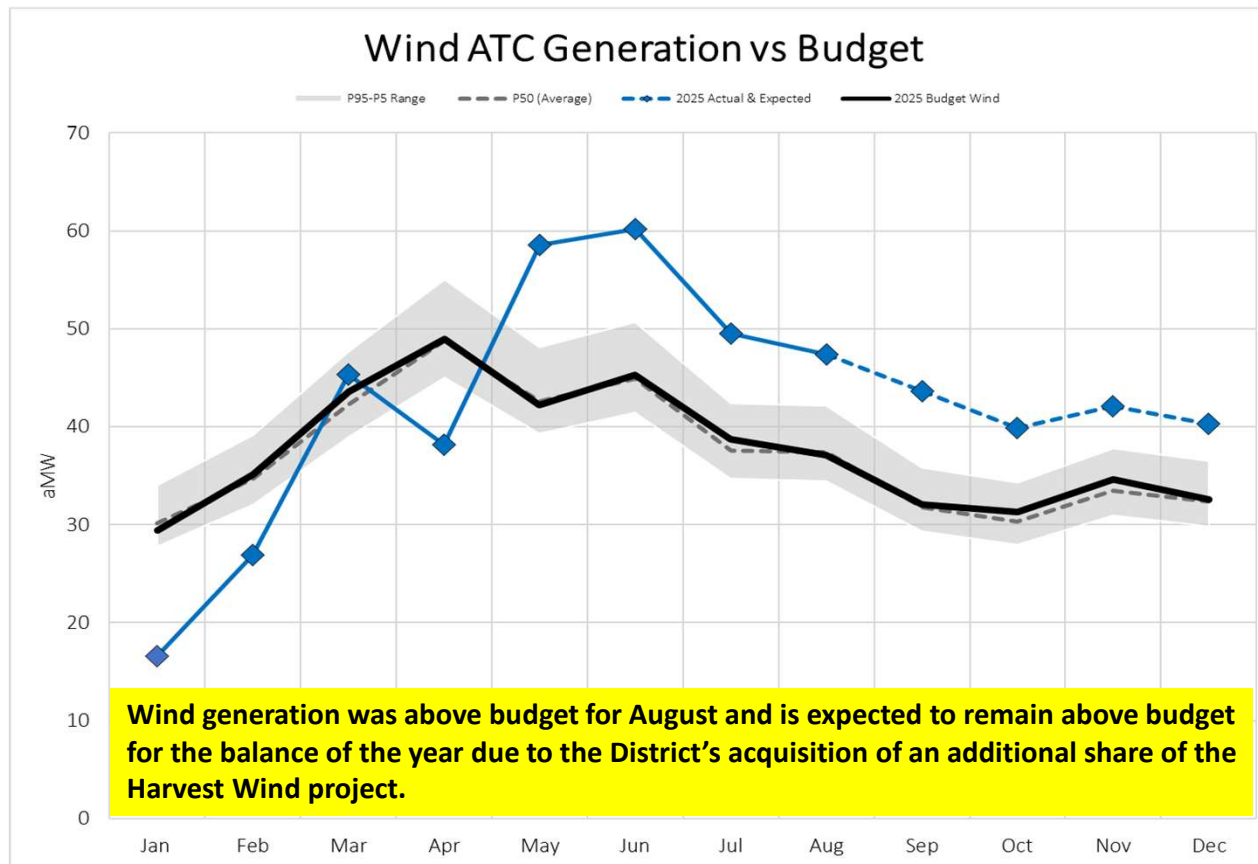
1.5.1 BPA Power



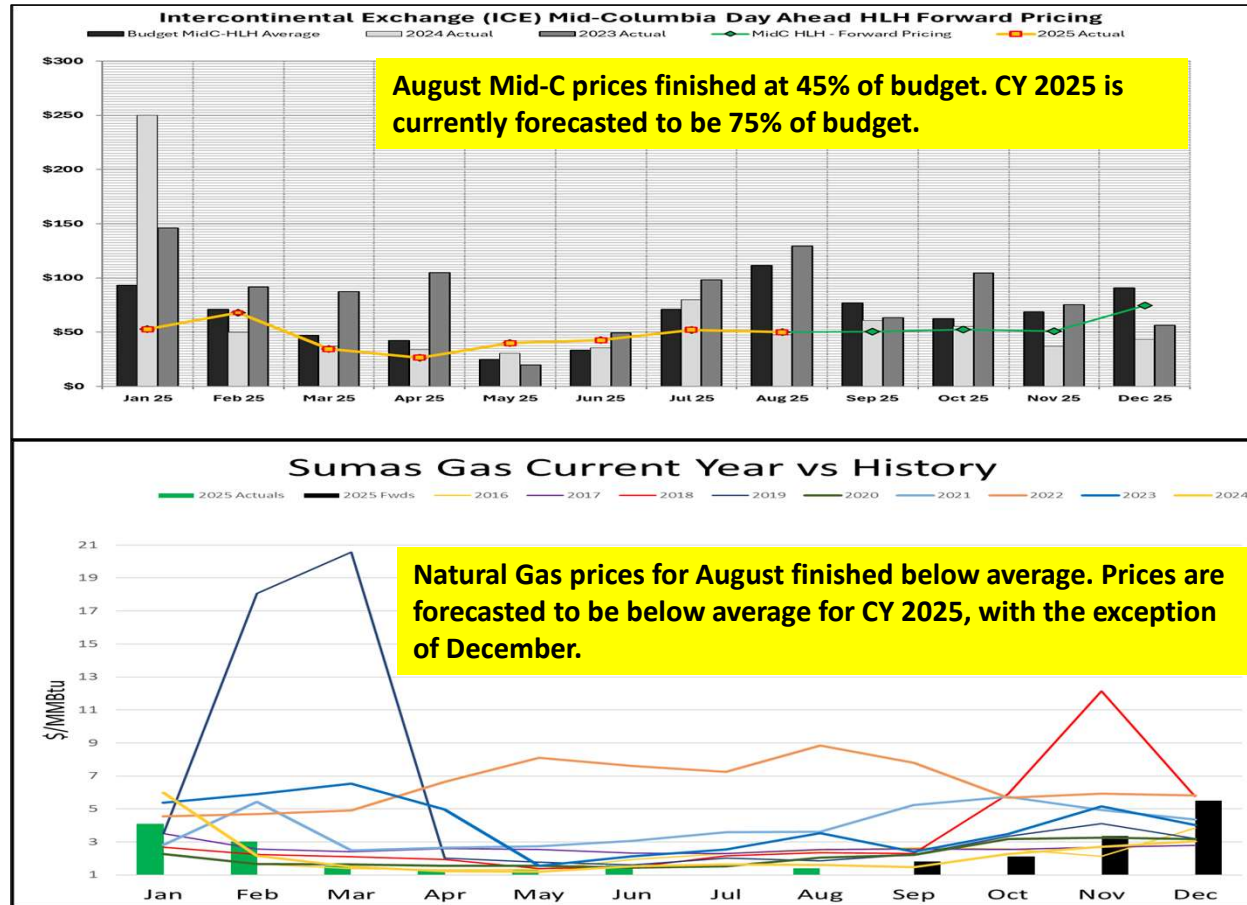
1.5.2 Swift No. 2 Generation



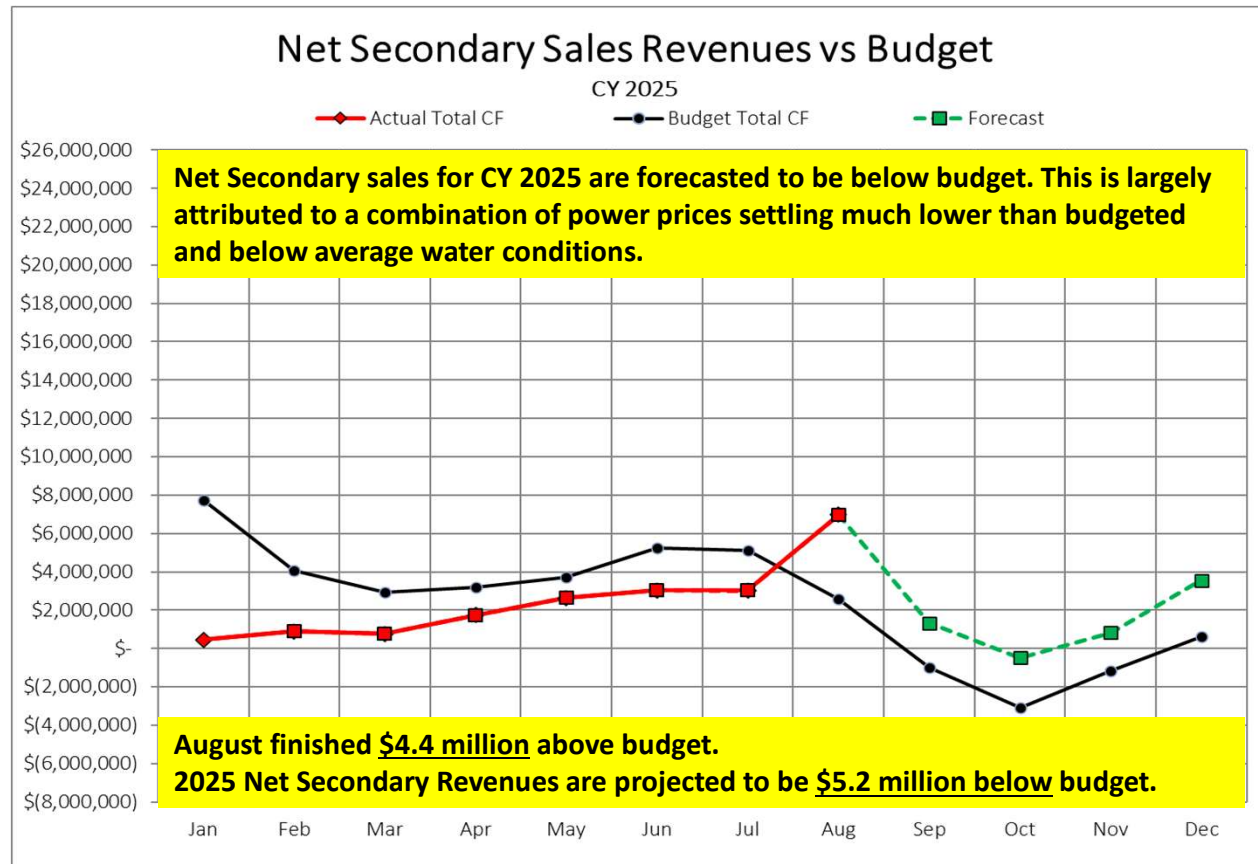
1.5.3 Wind (WC & HW)



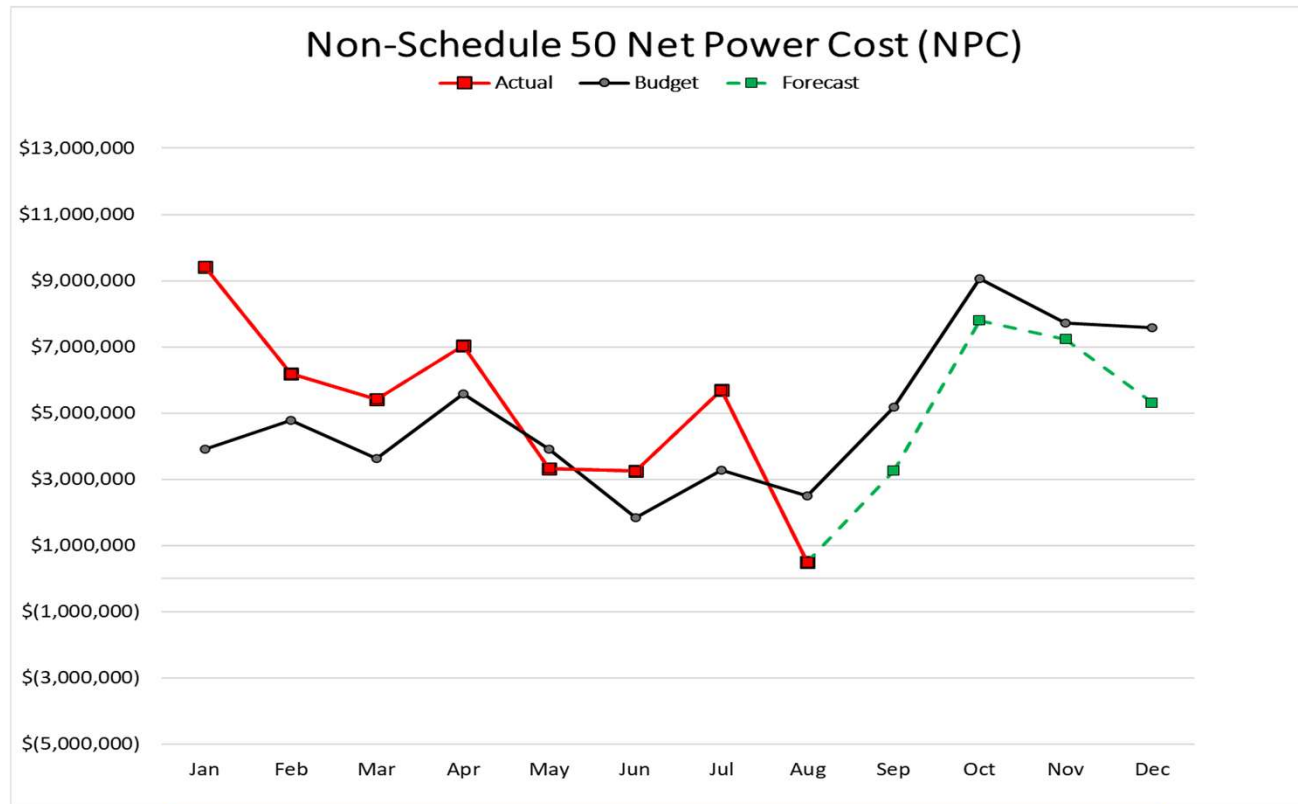
1.6 Wholesale Power Market Prices



1.7 Net Secondary Sales Revenue



1.8 Net Power Cost – Non-Schedule 50



August's actual Non-Sch50 NPC was \$2 million below budget.
Annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC is projected to be \$5.5 million above budget,
reflecting an annual Non-Schedule 50 NPC of ~ \$64.4 million.

2. Accounting and Finance

2.1 Year-to-Date Operating Results

2.2 Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

2.3 Proforma Year-End Income Statement

2.4 Year-End Cash Projection

2.5 Electric System Debt Service

2.6 Production System Debt Service

2.1 - Year-to-Date Operating Results

	Year-to-Date August 2025			
	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Revenues	\$ 187,588,242	\$ 173,207,665	\$ 14,380,577	8.30%
Expenses	173,077,685	158,922,774	14,154,911	8.91%
Margin	\$ 14,510,557	\$ 14,284,891	\$ 225,666	
Prior Year	\$ 11,187,818			

Actual revenues reduced by CIAC - \$3,051,184

Actual expenses reduced by Harvest Wind distributions - \$2,308,500

YTD on budget; Expect to be better than budget by year-end due to retail revenues and investment earnings offsetting higher net power supply costs

2.2 - Year-to-Date Retail Revenue

Year-to-Date August 2025	Actual	Budget	Var \$	Var %
Non-Major Industrial	\$ 90,064,115	\$ 84,528,315	\$ 5,535,800	6.55%
Major Industrial	91,560,820	85,012,683	6,548,137	7.70%
Total Retail Revenue	181,624,935	169,540,998	12,083,937	7.13%
Other Operating Revenue	5,963,307	3,666,667	2,296,640	62.64%
Total Revenues	\$ 187,588,242	\$ 173,207,665	\$ 14,380,577	8.30%

Non-MI revenue impacted by October 2024 rate increase and billed loads. MI revenue impacted by actual costs and loads (pass-through power cost contracts). Other is due largely to higher investment earnings.

2.3 - Proforma Year-End Income Statement

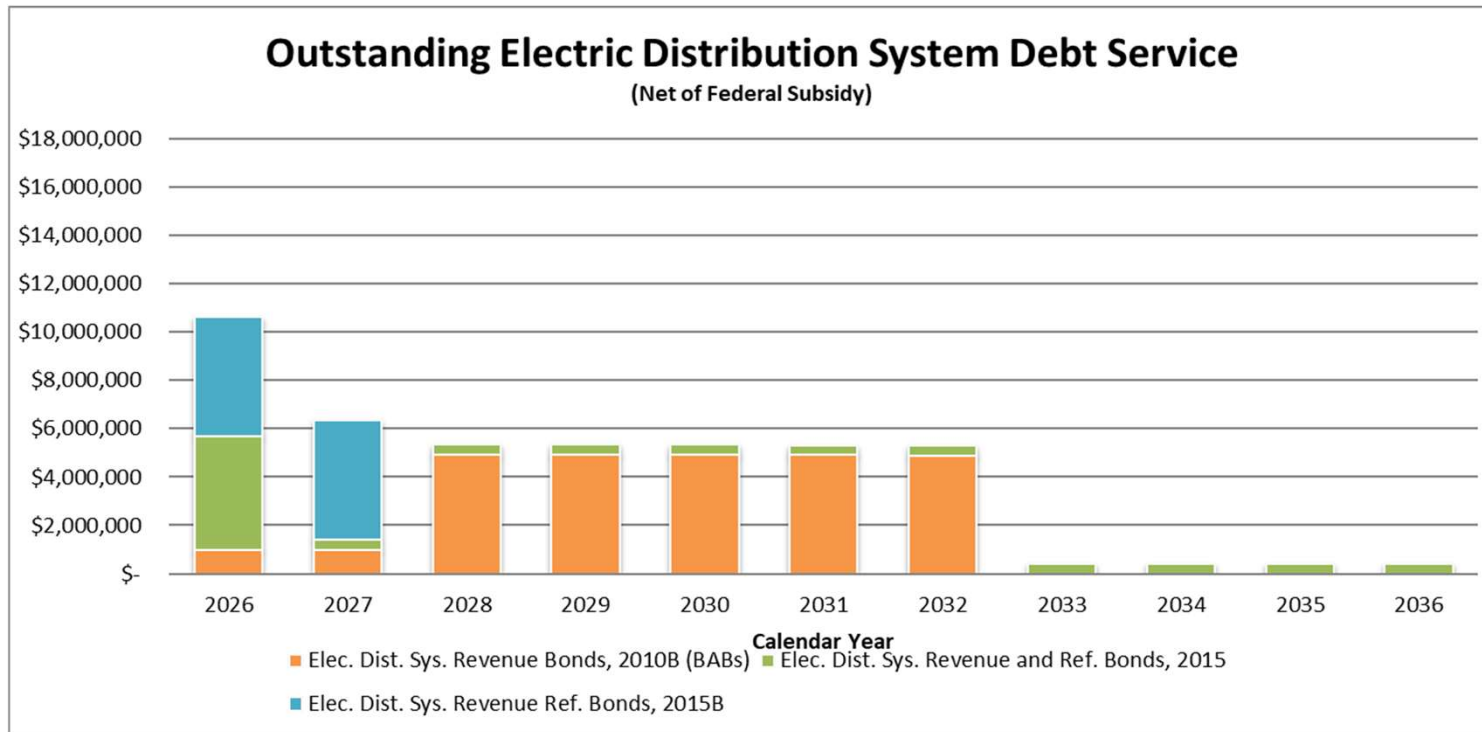
	YTD Actual	Projected	Budget	Var \$	Var %	
Revenues						
Non-MI	\$ 90,064,115	\$ 135,340,607	\$ 128,822,465	\$ 6,518,142	5.06%	October 2024 Rate Increase & Loads Loads and Actual Costs
Major Industrial	91,560,820	137,437,654	146,652,648	(9,214,993)	-6.28%	
Other	5,963,307	7,796,640	5,500,000	2,296,640	41.76%	
	<u>187,588,242</u>	<u>280,574,902</u>	<u>280,975,113</u>	<u>(400,211)</u>	-0.14%	
Expenses						
Power Supply	124,434,051	192,171,020	197,064,258	(4,893,238)	-2.48%	Low Generation & Soft Prices
Other Operating	28,829,705	43,876,271	43,876,271	-	0.00%	
Taxes	10,454,909	16,580,523	15,906,821	673,702	4.24%	
Depreciation	7,902,891	12,402,891	13,500,000	(1,097,109)	-8.13%	
Interest	1,456,129	2,243,553	2,362,271	(118,718)	-5.03%	
	<u>173,077,685</u>	<u>267,274,258</u>	<u>272,709,622</u>	<u>(5,435,363)</u>	-1.99%	
Margin	<u>\$ 14,510,557</u>	<u>\$ 13,300,644</u>	<u>\$ 8,265,491</u>	<u>\$ 5,035,153</u>	60.92%	

Projected results are heavily impacted by current forward market prices and anticipated volumes.

2.4 - Year-End Cash Projection - Electric System

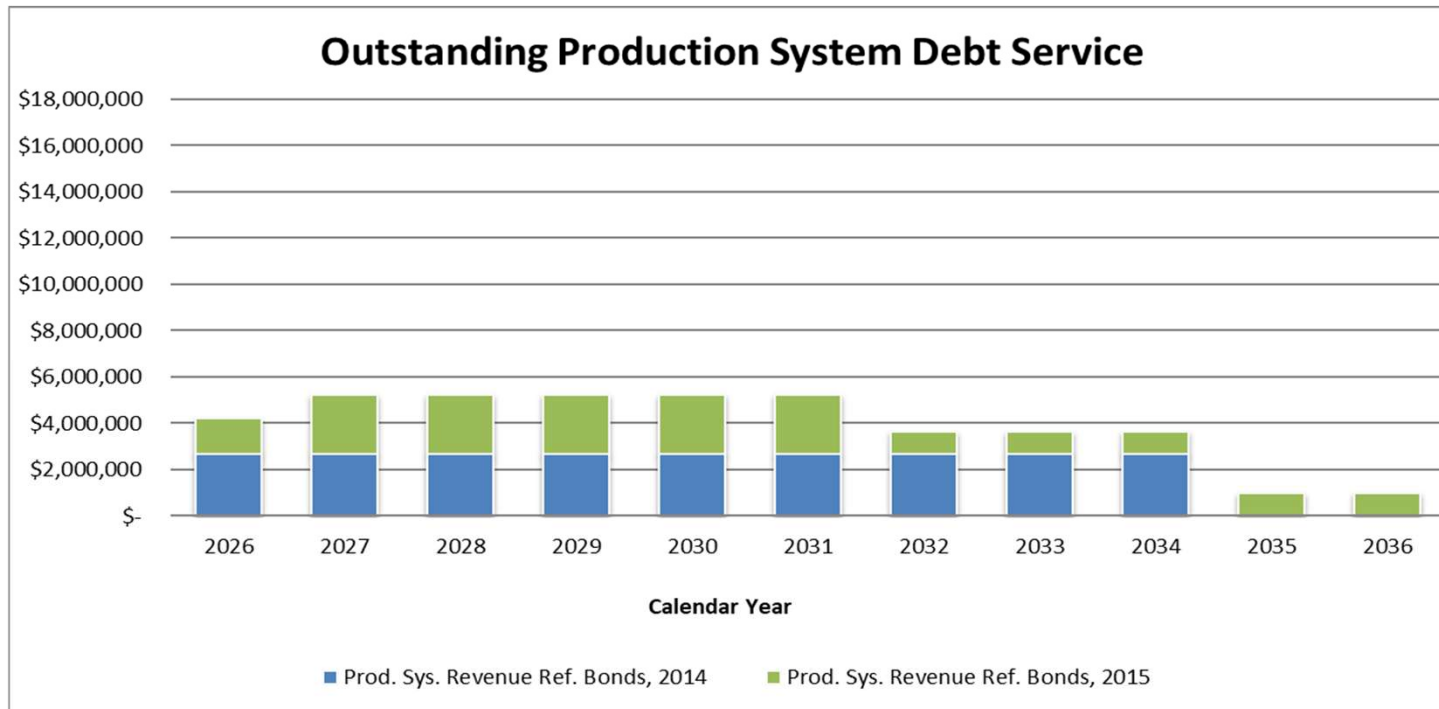
Margin	\$ 13,300,644
Non-Cash Items	16,722,891
Capital	(30,915,528)
Principal Debt	<u>(13,096,538)</u>
Projected Cash Deficit	(13,988,531)
Unrestricted Cash, beginning of year	<u>145,323,050</u>
Unrestricted Cash, end of year	<u><u>\$ 131,334,519</u></u>
Budgeted Deficit	<u><u>\$ (17,926,575)</u></u>

2.5 – Electric System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Electric System -
\$38,510,000**

2.6 – Production System Debt Service



**The above represents principal and interest.
Total principal for the Production System -
\$34,600,000**

3. Operations

3.1 Outage Reports

3.2 Department Monthly Summaries

3.3 Safety

3.4 Wildfire projects

3.5 Pictures

3.1.1 Outage Summary - August

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
70	4,457	17	920,931

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
60	4,178	9	497,611

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Human / Vehicle	7	1,311	7	373,565	40.56%
Unknown	5	2,299	5	271,618	29.49%
Weather	4	455	4	193,434	21.00%
Equipment Failure	30	295	1	73,100	7.94%
Animals	17	69	0	4,761	0.52%
Trees / Vegetation	6	27	0	4,431	0.48%
Other	1	1	0	22	0.00%
Total	70	4,457	17	920,931	100.00%

Top Events (CMI)

Outage Cause	Feeder	Line Section	CMI	Customers Out	Time Off	First Restore	Longest Duration
Public: Motor vehicle	12T4	Recloser707	310,207	616	8/16/25 5:15 AM		8.4
Weather: Wind with trees	12X1	BRK12X1	166,611	318	8/15/25 6:58 PM		8.7
Cause unknown	12T6	BRK12T6	90,118	678	8/2/25 4:19 AM		2.2
Cause unknown	12M1	BRK12M1	89,631	574	8/24/25 6:15 AM	8/24/25 8:28 AM	3.2
Public: Motor vehicle	12PW3	BRK12PW3	62,045	686	8/16/25 5:15 AM	8/16/25 6:43 AM	7.8



Very poor month compared to historical average.
 Top outage YTD on 08/16 Car pole accident on Coal Creek Rd.

3.1.2 Outage Summary – YTD W/O Storms

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
382	24,652	66	3,584,734

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
356	26,820	65	3,401,691

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

Outage Cause	Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	CMI	% CMI
Weather	37	7,514	22	1,173,813	32.74%
Human / Vehicle	53	6,645	21	1,130,772	31.54%
Trees / Vegetation	34	2,706	8	417,378	11.64%
Unknown	19	2,503	6	315,131	8.79%
Animals	90	3,922	5	276,772	7.72%
Equipment Failure	145	1,356	5	270,271	7.54%
Other	4	6	0	597	0.02%
Total	382	24,652	66	3,584,734	100.00%

Top Events (CMI)

Outage Cause	Feeder	Line Section	CMI	Customers Out	Time Off	First Restore	Longest Duration
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Public: Motor vehicle	12S3	BRK12S3	264,494	882	3/21/25 3:38 AM	3/21/25 3:47 AM	7.6
Weather: Wind with trees	12X1	BRK12X1	166,611	318	8/15/25 6:58 PM		8.7
Weather: Wind with trees	999	UNKNOWN	137,817	1,540	2/24/25 4:22 PM	2/24/25 5:44 PM	1.8
Weather: Wind with trees	12AR1	BRK12AR1	125,455	263	2/24/25 4:47 PM	2/24/25 6:35 PM	8.1



6-year avg comparison YTD without storms

3.1.3 Outage Summary – YTD W/Storms

Actual (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Customers Out	SAIDI	Minutes
382	24,652	66	3,584,734

Previous 6 Periods Avg (Based on Date Slicer)

Events	Avg Cust Out	Avg SAIDI	Avg Minutes
450	42,314	161	8,435,564

Causes (Non-Storm Related)

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Weather	37	7,514	22	1,173,813	32.74%
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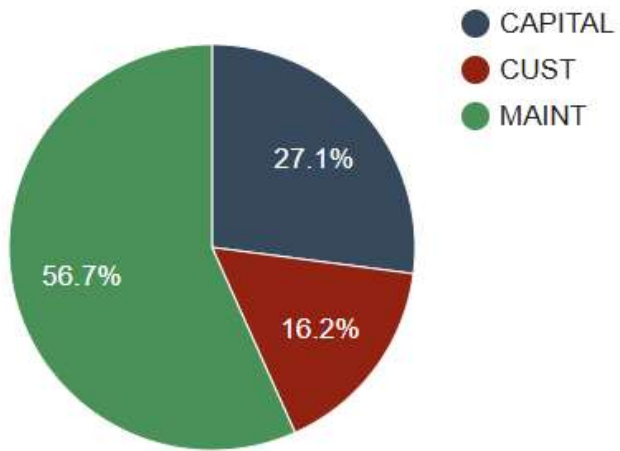
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6-year avg comparison YTD with storms
(No storms 2025 YTD)

3.2.1 Line Crew

Straight Time
3101 Hours



LINE CREW SERVICE ORDERS

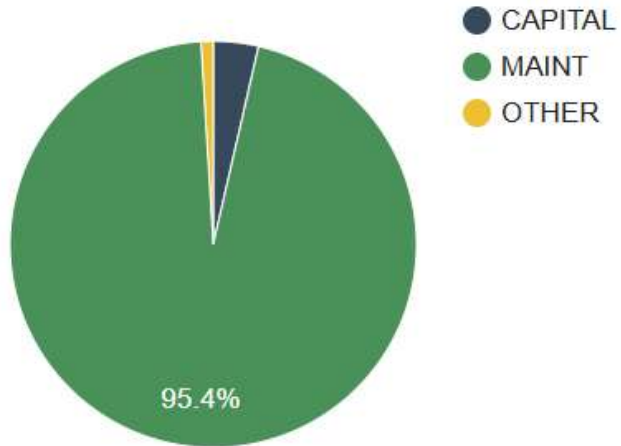
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37	DISCONNECT
32	INFO
25	TRANSFORMERS
21	FLUP
19	MISC
18	POLE REPL
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16	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP/BACKBONE
8	TPERM
8	STREET LIGHTS
7	LT EXCHGE
2	PUDCAP T&D
2	SPECIAL EQ
2	BACKBONEV2
1	LLMANDISC
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278	TOTAL

Customer Work

41 WO's completed

3.2.2 Relay/Substation

Straight Time
1031.75 Hours

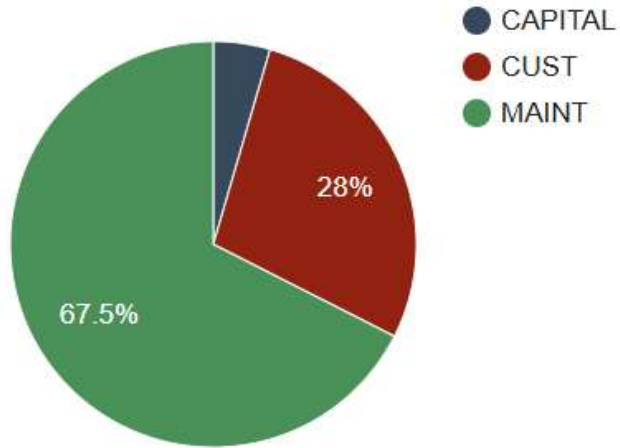


Maintenance Work

Power factor testing at Green Mountain and 7th Ave substations
Routine maintenance Green Mountain and 7th Ave substations
Camera and security system repairs

3.2.3 Meter and FSRs

Straight Time
942 Hours



Service Orders

METER DEPARTMENT

47	METER INVESTIGATION
30	DISCONNECT
16	RECONNECT/NEW/TEMP
7	METER EXCHANGE/REMOVE
7	COMMER CST
2	CSTREMDISC
2	PERM METER
2	METER READ
1	PUD-CAP
1	MPLX
1	FIP-METER
1	TPERM

117 TOTAL

FIELD SERVICE REPS

48	OFFICE
42	METER READ
40	READ OPTOT
2	CUTOFF

132 TOTAL

3.2.4 On-Going District Work

Group	Design	ROPS	Completed	Budget	YTD	YTD/Budget
2.1 - Transmission On-Going Pole Replacement	14	3	23	\$310,000	\$777,276	251%
2.3 - Transmission On-Going System Improvement	1	1	0	\$95,000	\$366	0%
2.5 - Transmission Unplanned System Improvement	4	0	3	\$410,000	\$783,951	191%
3.1 - Distribution On-Going System Improvement	209	21	50	\$3,950,000	\$749,137	19%
3.11 - Transformer O/H & U/G Failure	2	6	43	\$270,000	\$155,604	58%
3.12 - Dist Line Rebuild	9	0	0	\$220,000	\$6,705	3%
3.18 - Distribution Unplanned System Improvement	14	4	18	\$760,000	\$189,167	25%
3.19 - Distribution On-Going U/G Line Cable Rep	84	58	26	\$8,750,000	\$1,281,665	15%
3.26 - Transformer PCB Replacement	1	65	40	\$170,000	\$66,842	39%
3.5 - Distribution On-Going Pole Replacement	102	47	49	\$1,690,000	\$576,600	34%
3.52 - Substation Unplanned System Improvement	1	0	2			
3.54 - Substation On-Going System Improvement	5	0	0	\$443,500	\$12,383	3%
TR2.1 - Small Capital	4	0	0	\$39,000	\$8,872	23%
TOTAL	450	205	254	\$17,107,500	\$4,608,567	27%

3.2.5 On-Going Customer Work

Group	Design	ROPS	Completed	YTD
3.13 - Cust OnGoin Lighting	4	1	10	\$13,640
3.14 - Cust Secondary Ln Extention	202	11	258	\$352,851
3.16 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Residential	121	8	157	\$1,065,008
3.17 - Cust Pri Ln Ext. Commercial	76	2	26	\$476,208
3.29 - Cust Mke Redy for Telco	9	0	45	\$-25,217
3.9 - Cust Ln Reloct Dist/TX	12	1	5	\$219,838
3.99 - Cust Solar	4	0	13	\$3,940
TOTAL	428	23	514	\$2,106,269

3.2.6 Tree-Trimming

Month Start
8/1/2025

Year To Date

142
Total Trimming Miles

17K
Total Hours

14K
Trimming Hours

3,065
Tickets Hours

226
WO/Storm Hours

93
Trouble Tickets

Central

Substation	Feeder	Miles
Shawnee	B4	3.2
Shawnee	B2	1.1
Shawnee	B1	0.9
Shawnee	B3	0.4
Total		5.6

5.6
Completed Miles

390
Total Hours

320
Trimming Hours

70
Tickets Hours

0
WO/Storm Hours

South

Substation	Feeder	Miles
Corduroy	U2	0.5
Corduroy	U1	0.5
Total		1.0

1.0
Completed Miles

426
Total Hours

327
Trimming Hours

40
Tickets Hours

158
WO/Storm Hours

North

Substation	Feeder	Miles
Castle Rock	N1	4.0
Castle Rock	N2	1.3
Castle Rock	N3	1.1
Total		6.4

6.4
Completed Miles

620
Total Hours

460
Trimming Hours

160
Tickets Hours

0
WO/Storm Hours

Climb

Substation	Feeder	Miles
John St	A3	0.1
Total		0.1

0.1
Completed Miles

499
Total Hours

40
Trimming Hours

360
Tickets Hours

99
WO/Storm Hours

12
Trouble Ticket

3.3 Safety



3.4 Wildfire Projects

Early Fault Detection (EFD)

Pilot Project

Detect anomalies on overhead lines prior to failure

Line sensors installed on distribution and transmission

Progress

(49/50) locations throughout the county installed

Aug 21 Manufacturer was onsite for final configuration and testing

Fire Weather Monitoring and PSPS Software

Analyze current and predicted weather patterns

Compare historical outage data

Provide ignition and consequence modeling and fire risk zones based on consequence data

Recommendations for PSPS

Progress - Completed

3.5 Pictures



Car Pole accident 08/16 on Coal Creek Rd
Largest outage of the year with respect to Customer
Minutes.
Accounted for 41% of total customer minutes for
the month, and 9.1% of total minutes for the year.

4. Engineering

4.1 System Metrics

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

4.3 New Service Requests

4.4 Locates

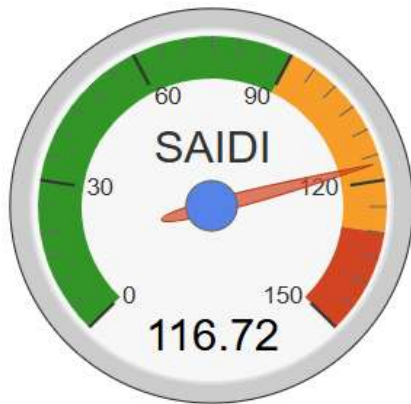
4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)

4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

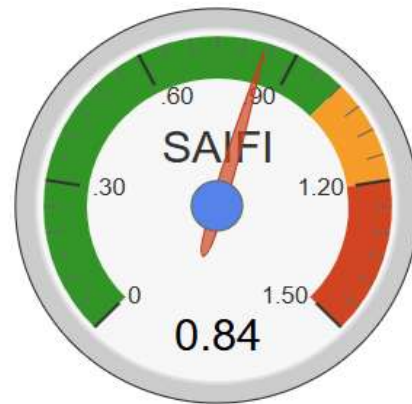
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4.1 System Metrics

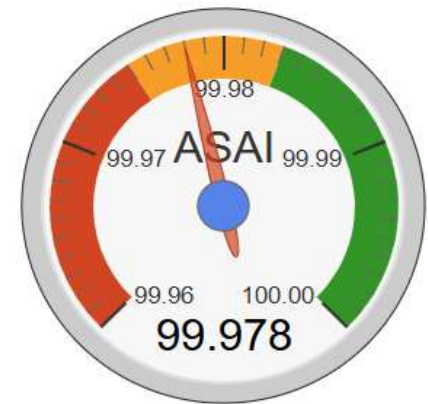
Indices (rolling 12 months)



System Average Interruption Duration Index
(Average Outage Duration in Minutes)



System Average Interruption Frequency Index
(Average Customer Interruptions per year)

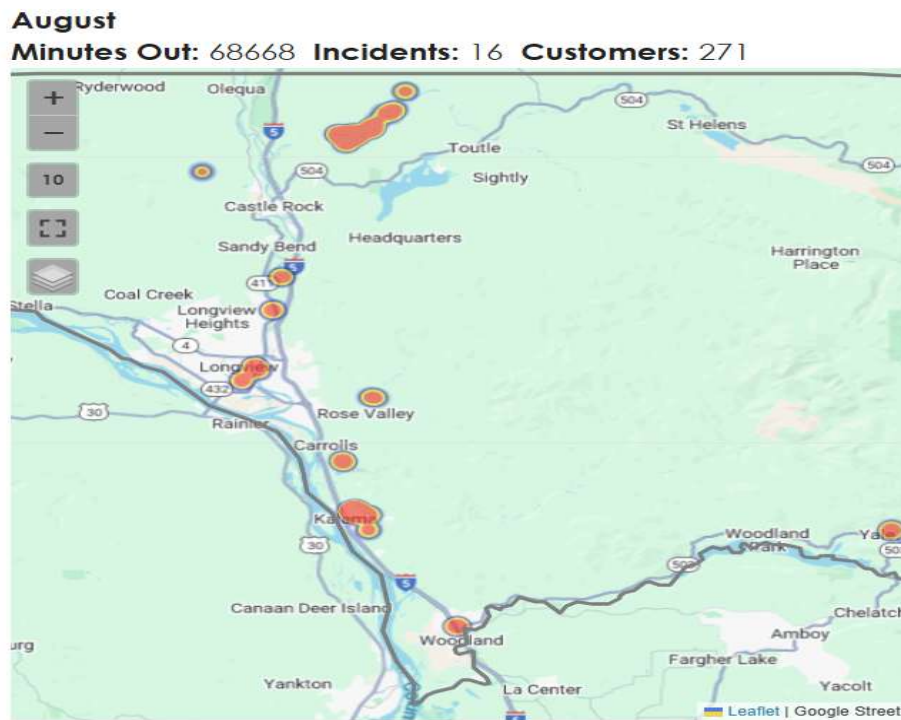


Average Service Availability Index
(Percent of Time Average Customer has Power)

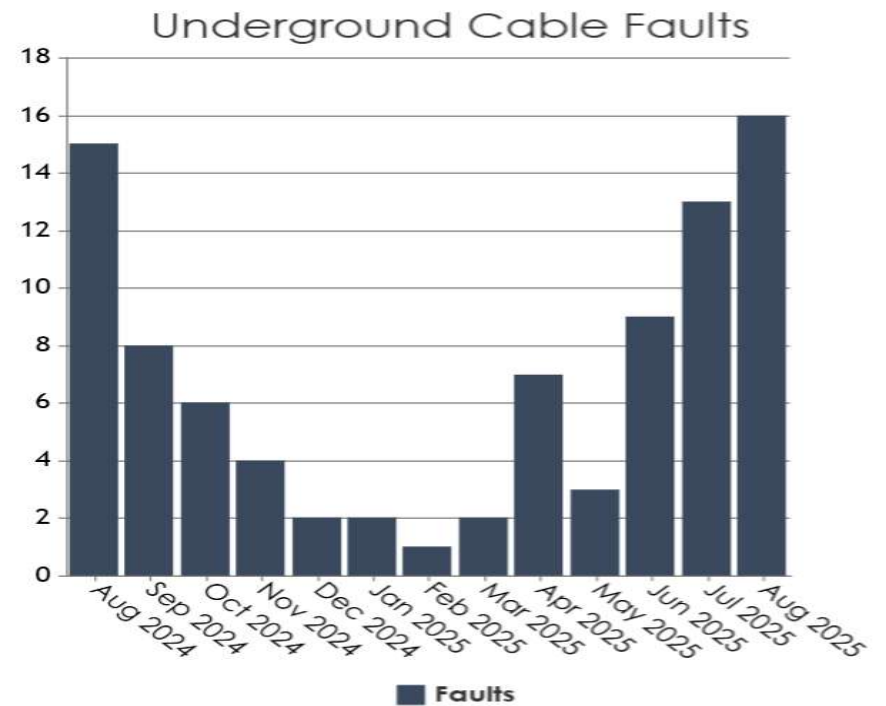
Green indicates system performing within PUD set goals. Total August customer minutes 920,931.
10-year August monthly avg is 494,387, therefore, Customer Minutes are 186% of average.

4.2 Underground Primary Outages

Underground Cable Faults



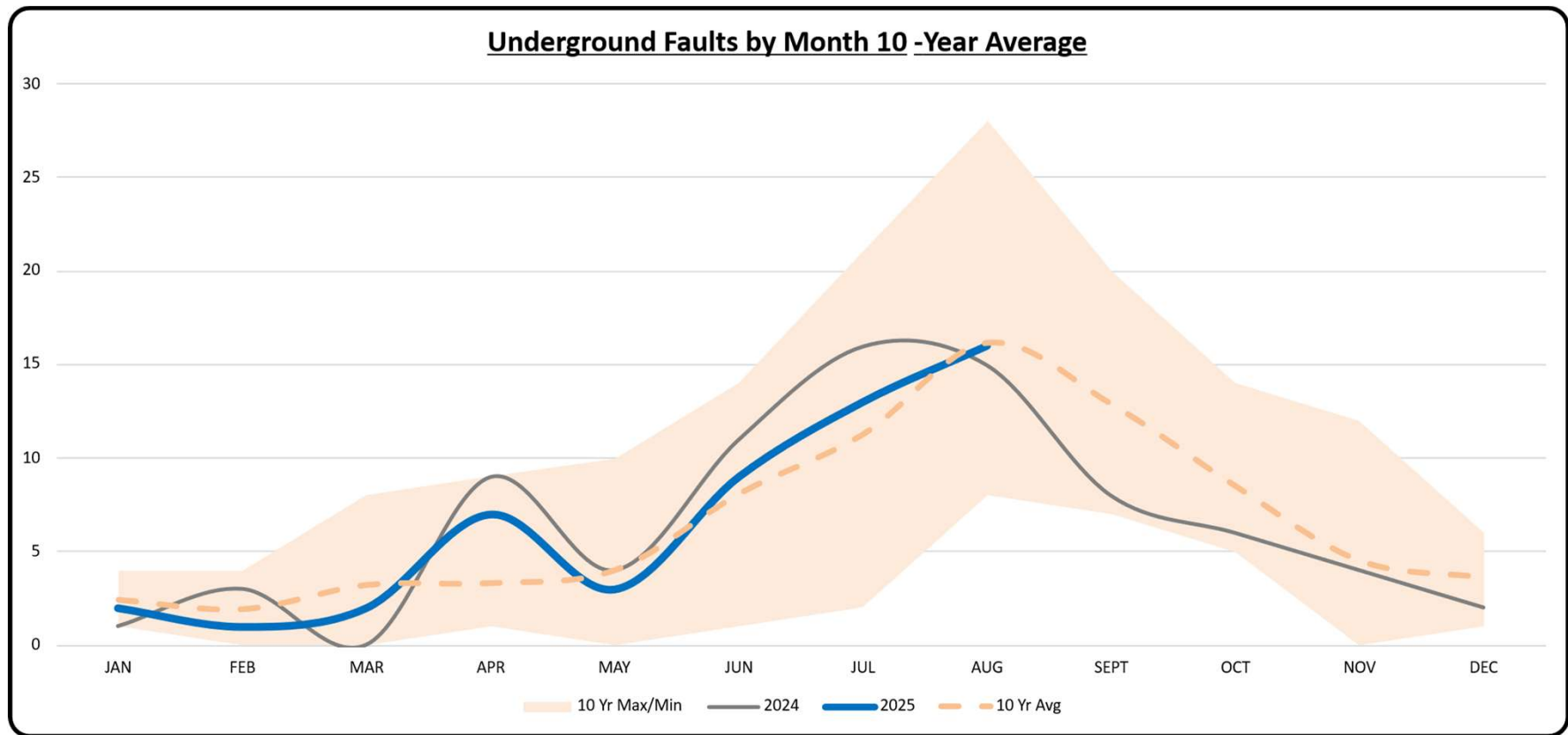
Underground Faults (13 Months)



Cable Faults 2025 YTD: 37

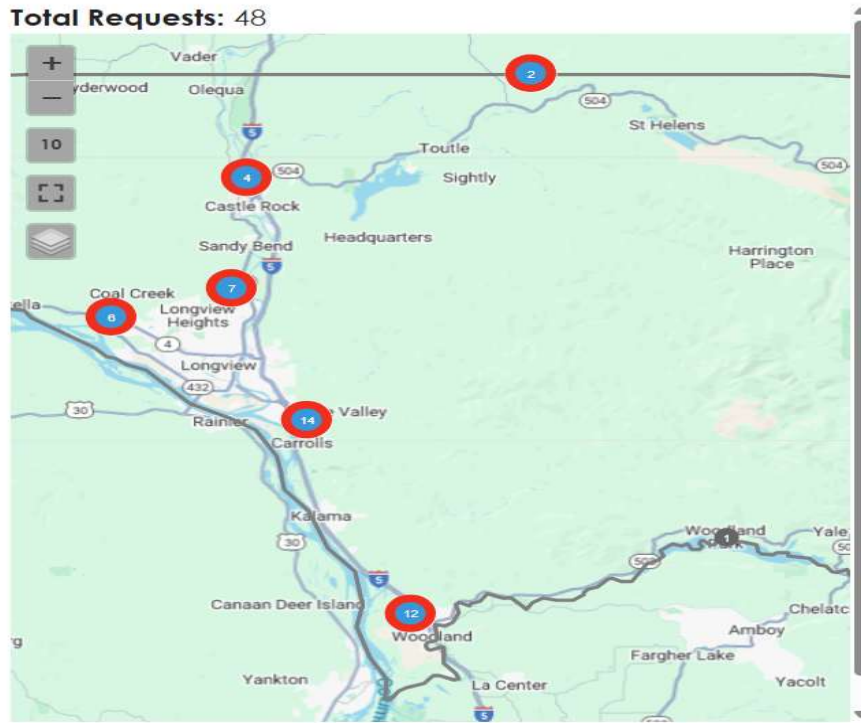
Total Faults YTD are 10% less than the previous year and 5% more than the 10-year average.

4.2.1 Underground Primary

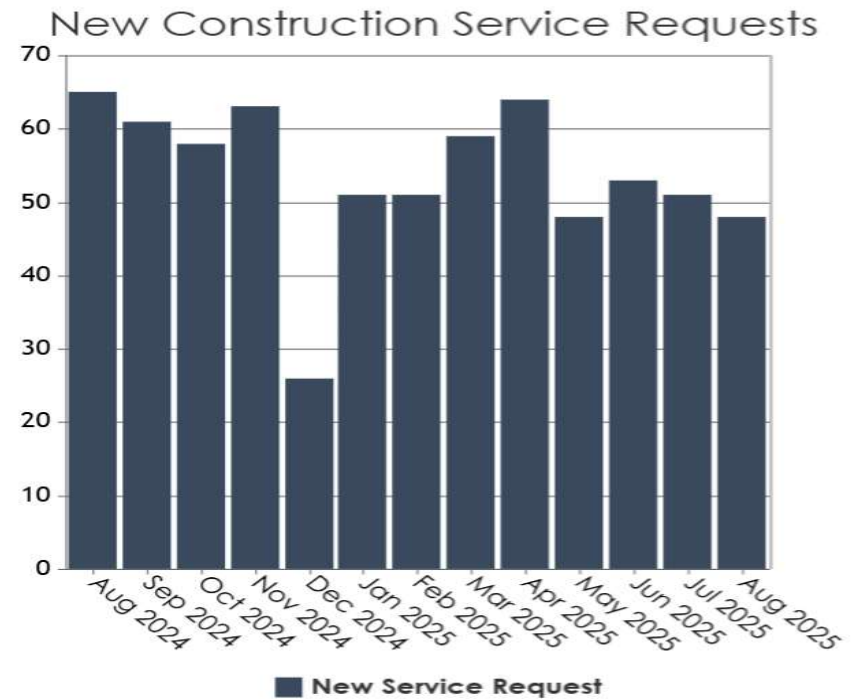


4.3 New Service Requests

New Service Requests



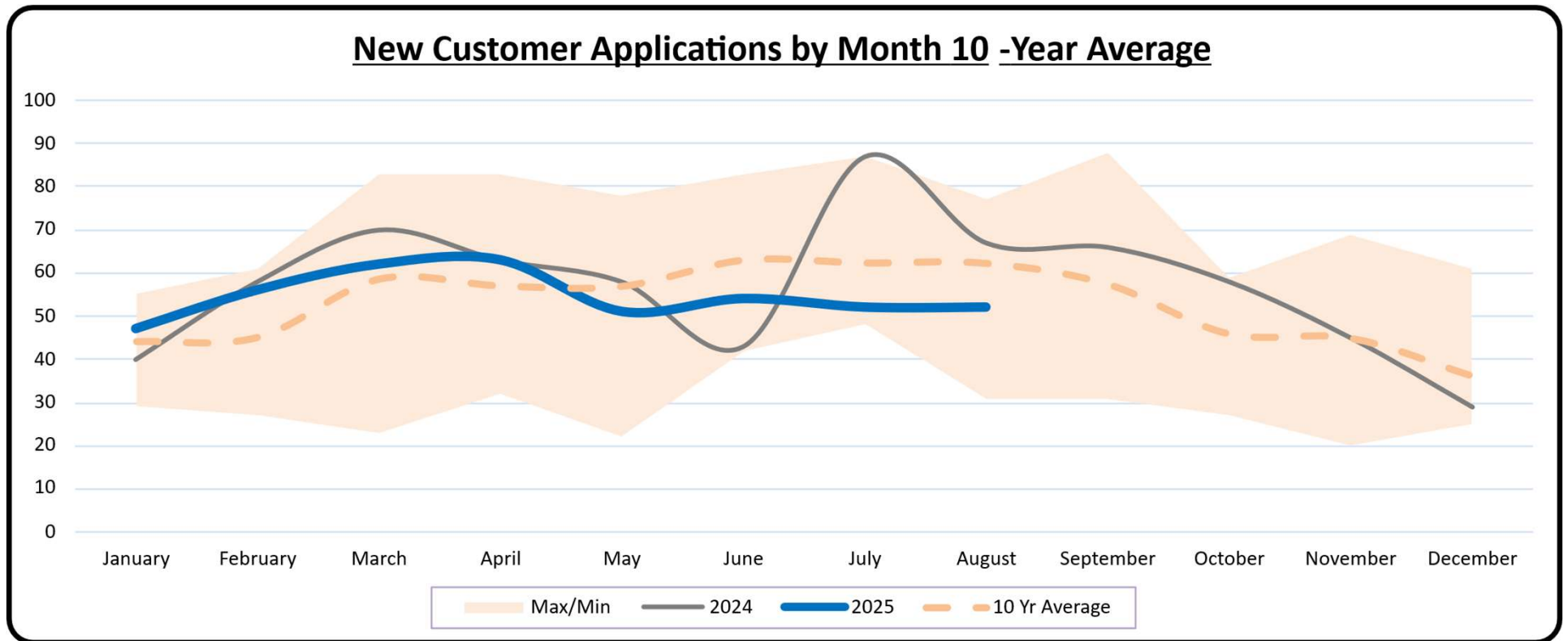
New Constructions



New Service Requests 2025 YTD: 437

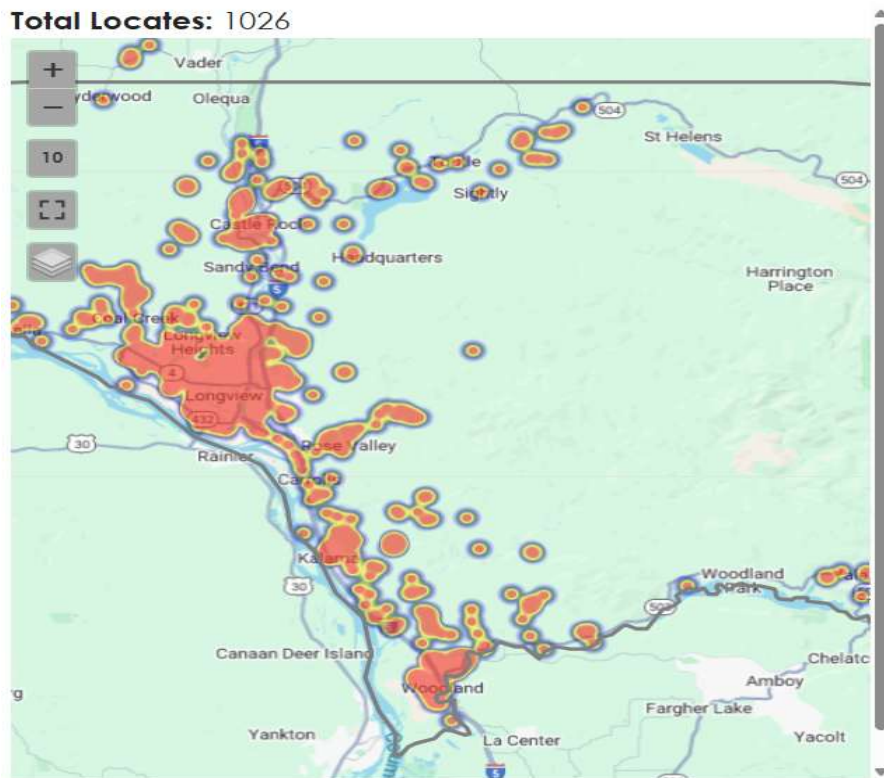
Total New Service Requests YTD are the 10% less than 2024 and 3% less than the 10-year average.

4.3.1 New Service Requests

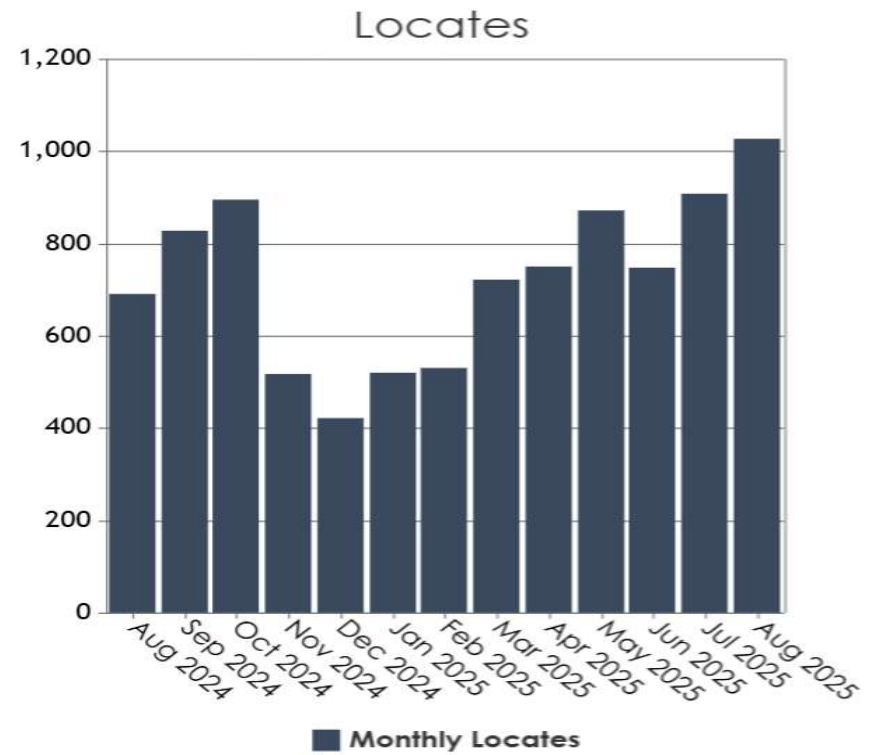


4.4 Locates

Monthly Locates



Locates

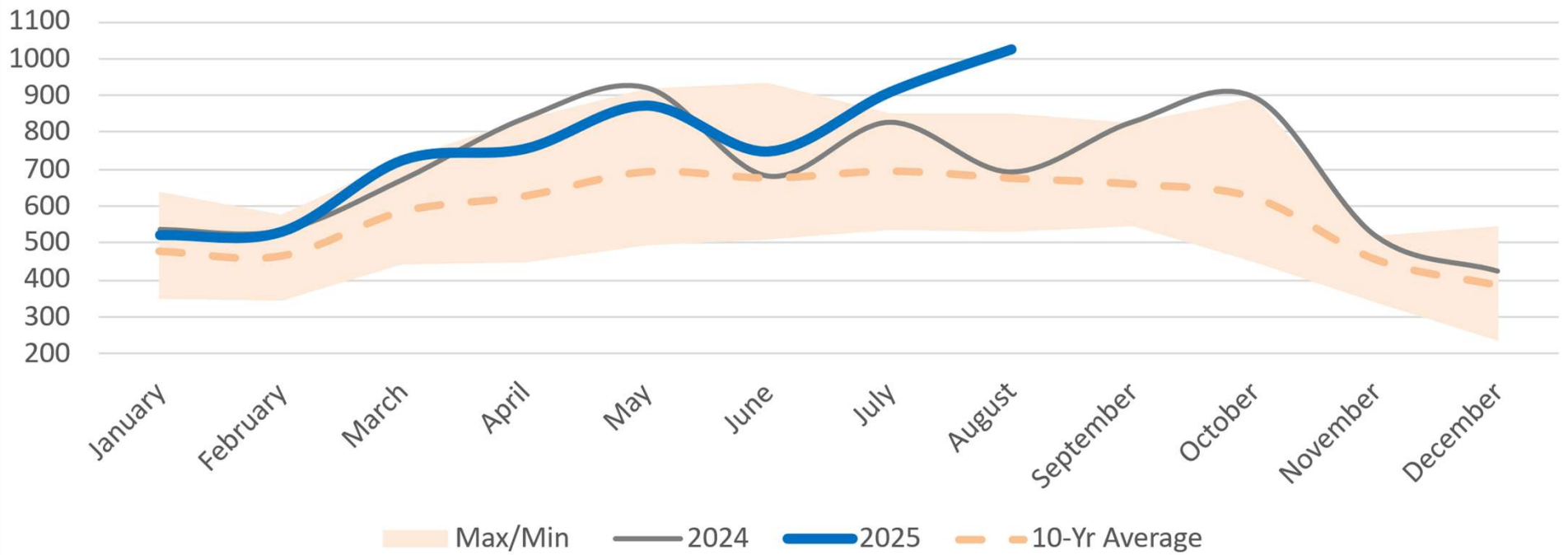


Locate Requests 2025 YTD: 6,077

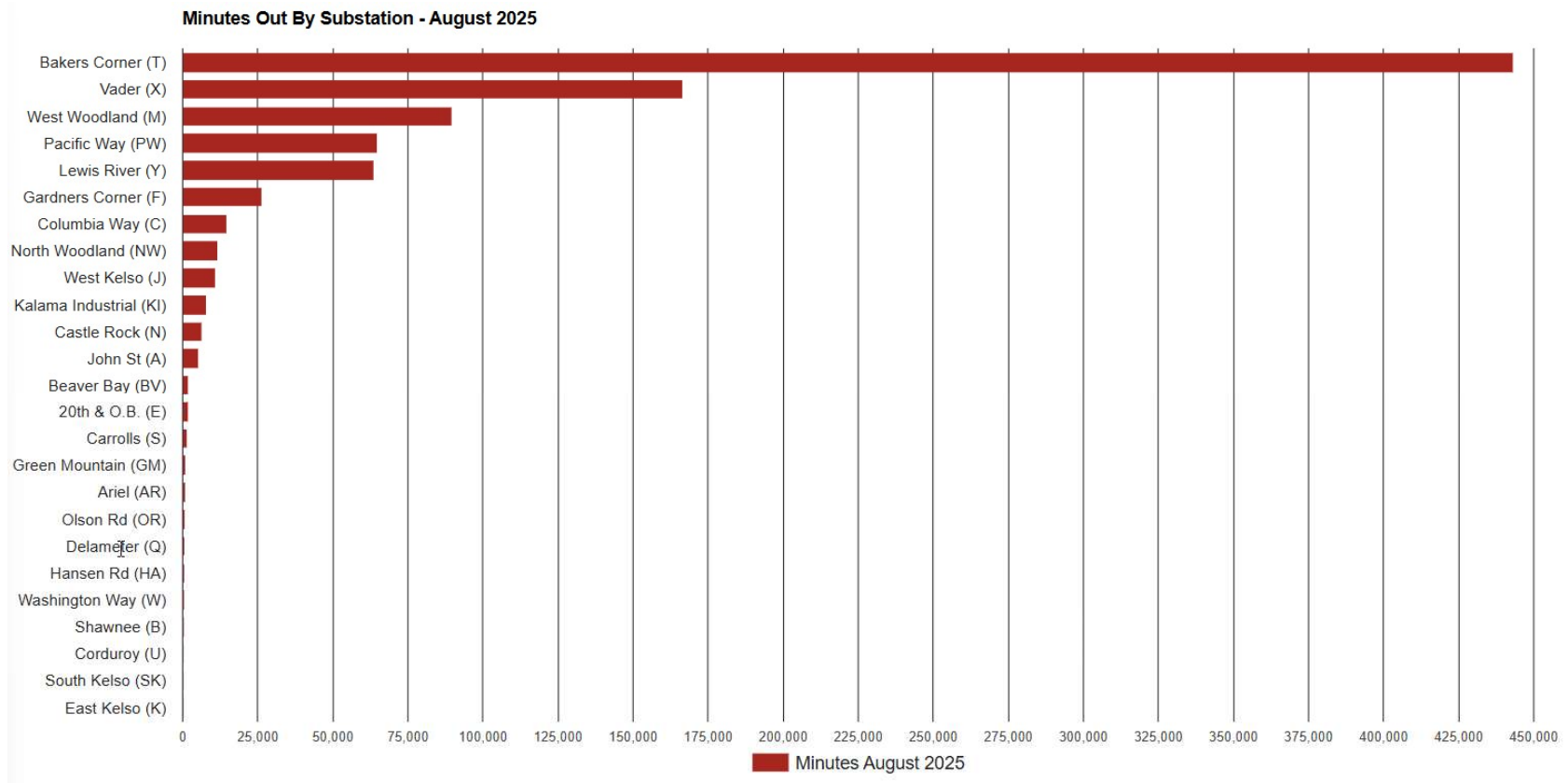
Total Locate Requests YTD are 7% more than the previous year and 24% more than the 10-year average.

4.4.1 Locates

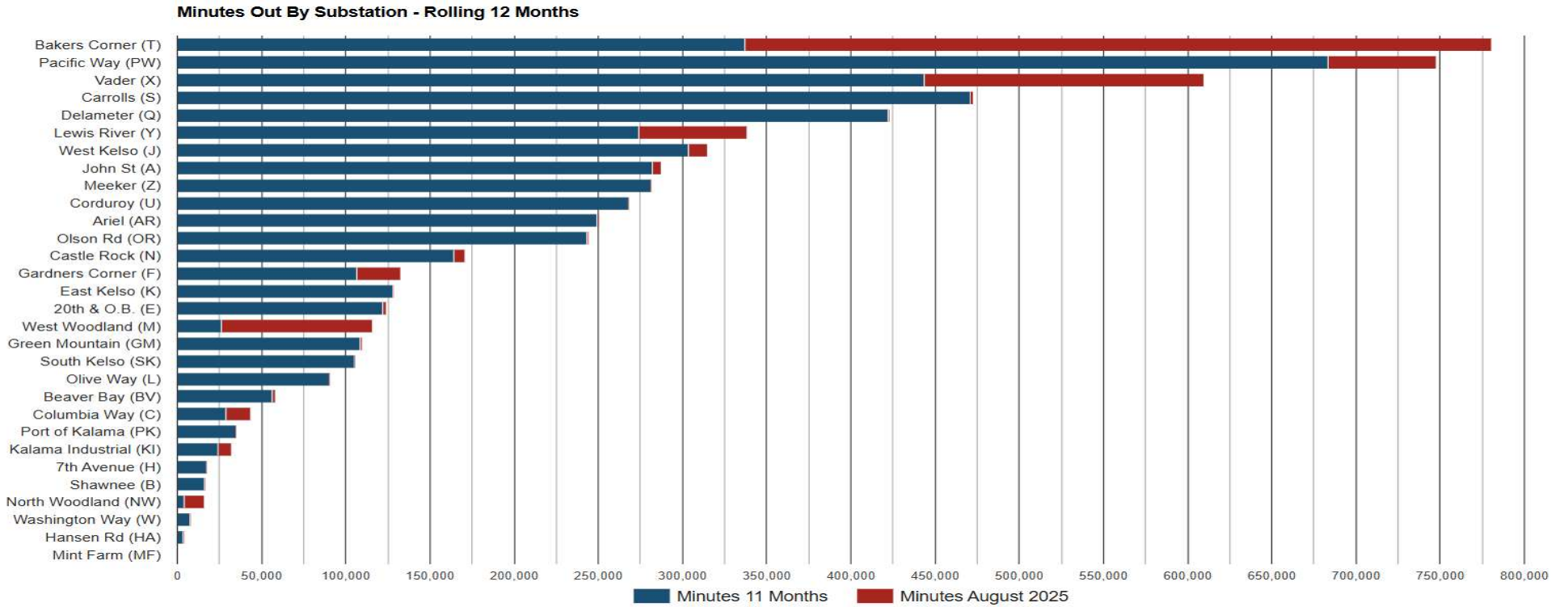
Locates by Month 10--Year Average



4.5 Substation Outages (exclusive of storms)



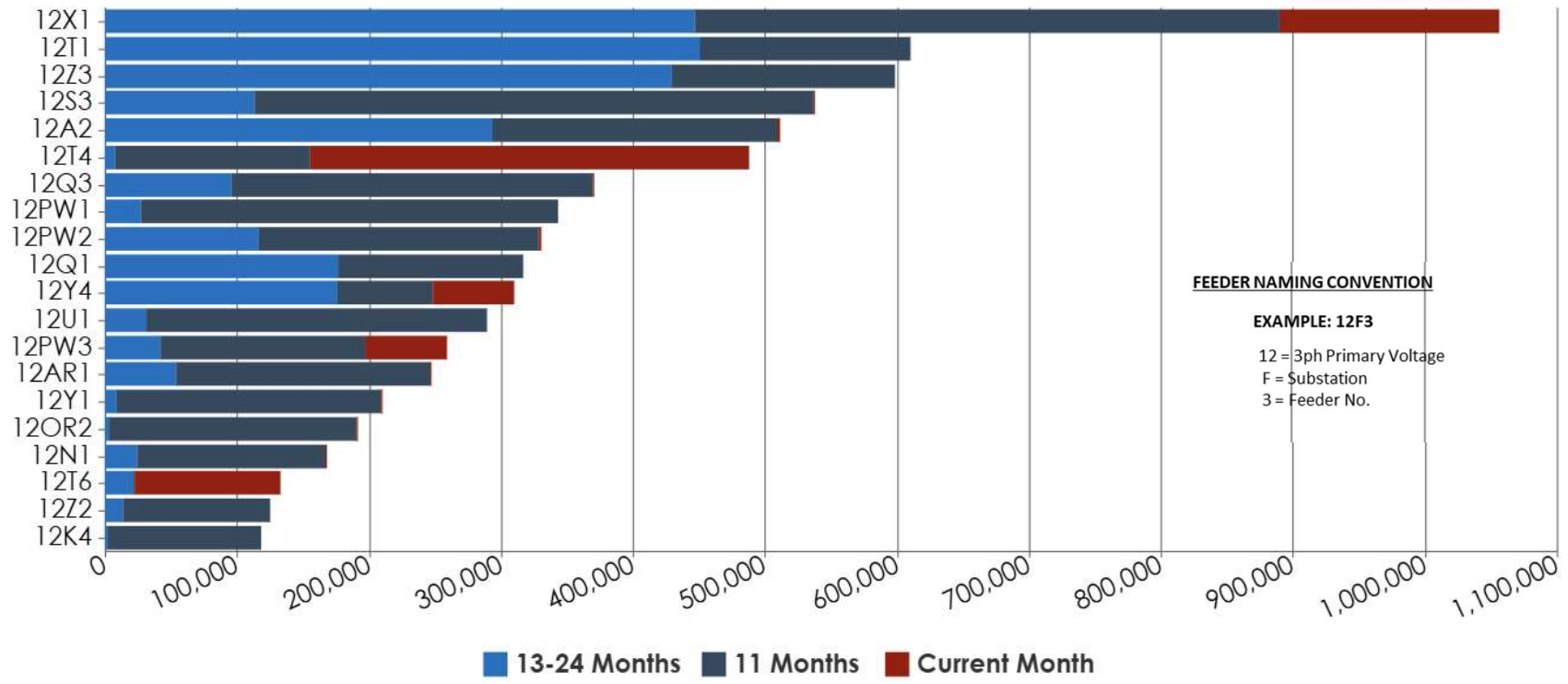
4.5.1 Substation Outages



4.6 Feeder Outages and Causes (exclusive of storms)

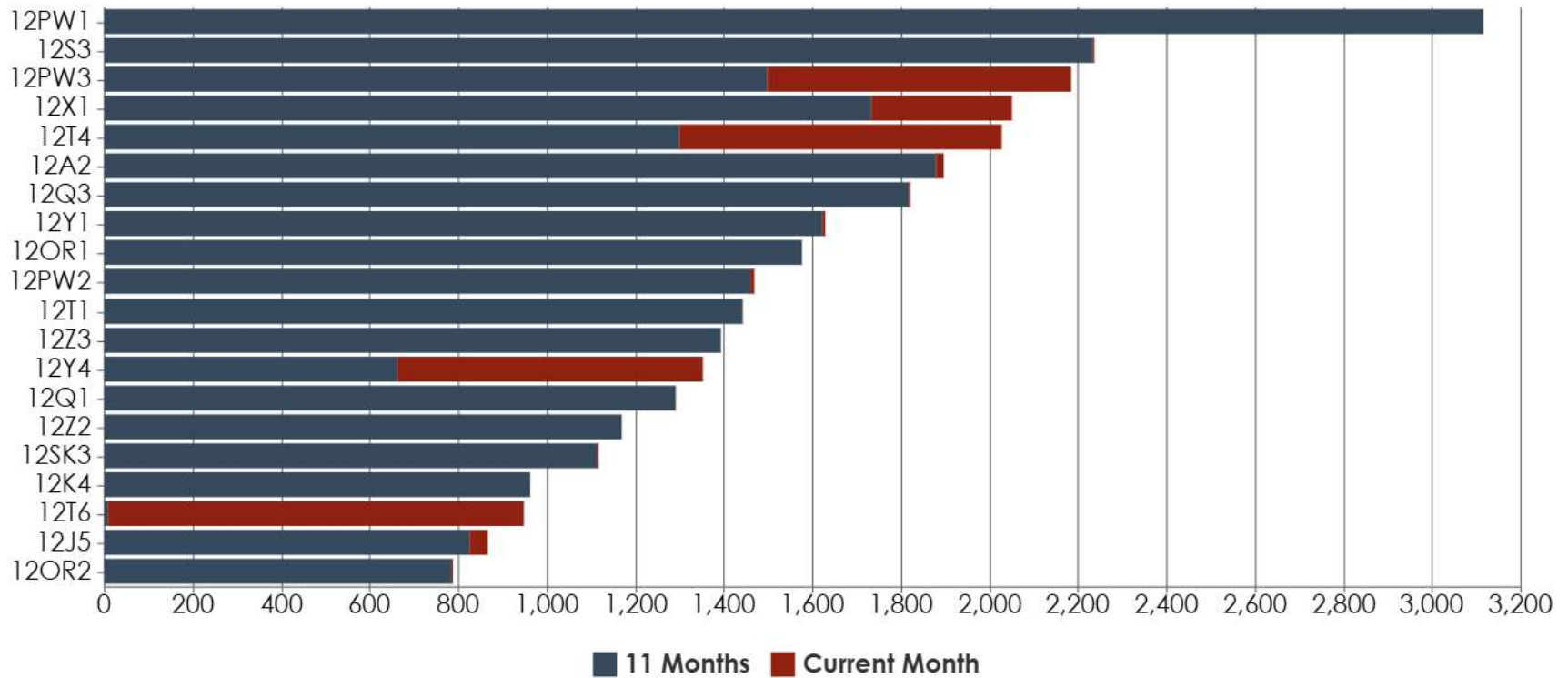
Feeder Outages & Causes - (rolling 12 months)

Top 20 Feeders by CMI



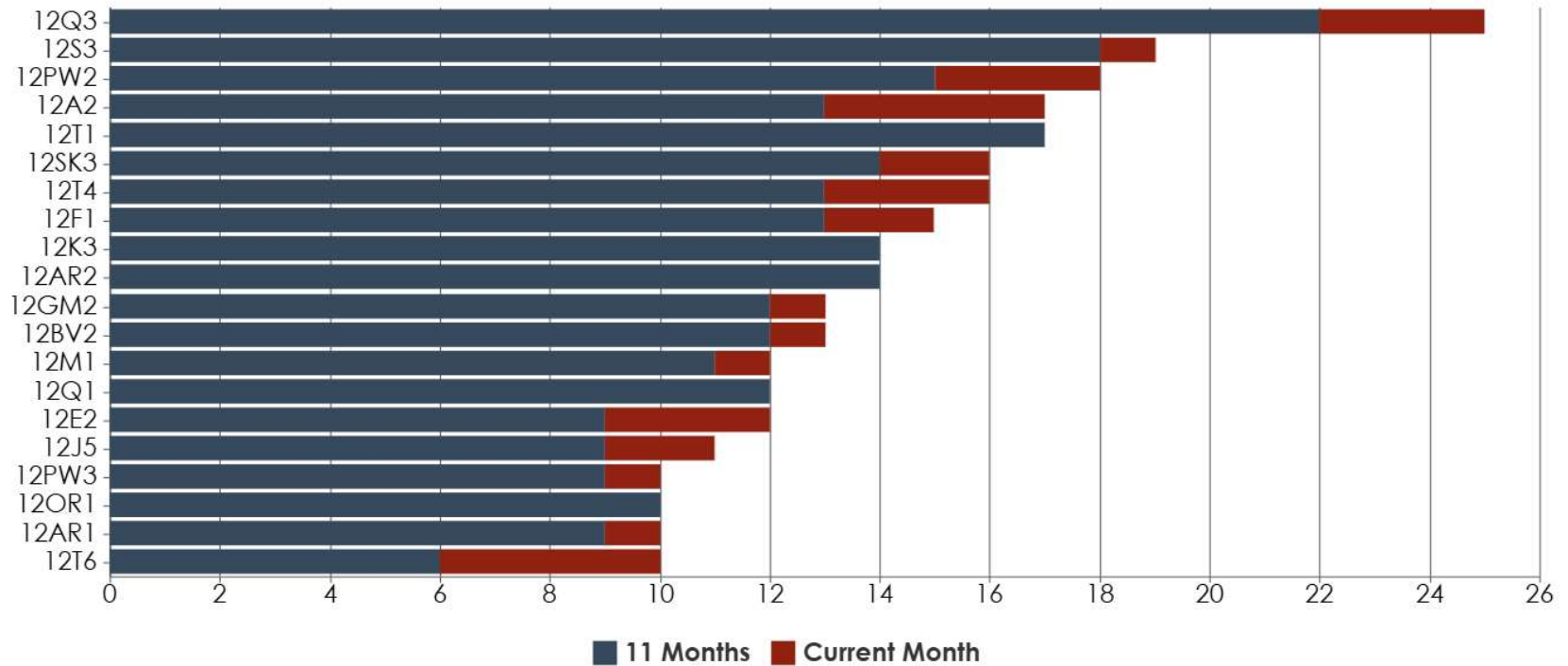
4.6.1 Feeder Outages and Causes

Top 20 Feeders by Customer



4.6.2 Feeder Outages and Causes

Top 20 Feeders by Incidents

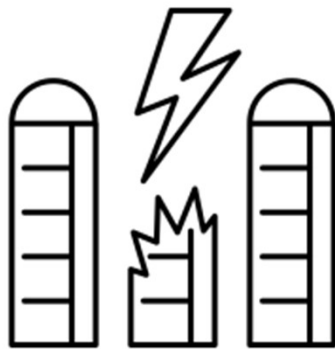


4.7 Pictures & Hi-Lights

2025 Restructure and Changes Engineering Transmission & Distribution (T&D) Department

Manager: Doug Thomas, PE

- Standards Moved from System to T&D Engineering (2 FTEs)
- Addressed Knowledge Silos
 - Combined Joint Use and Right-of-Way (2-year plan)
 - Replaced Distribution Designer Specialist with a T&D Eng Position
- Hired 2 Summer Interns
- Hired a Consultant to Assist with Design Overflow
- Constant Review of Priority Work



4.7.1 Pictures & Hi-Lights

Meeker Substation Rebuild

Date Station Offloaded: April 21st, 2025

Project Engineer: Tyler Williams, PE

Contractor: DJ's Electrical, Inc

Bid Price: \$1,265,536

Change Orders: \$12,540

Contractor Completion Status: 99%

Major Milestones Completed as of Sept 1st:

Civil Work (foundations, steel structures, switches, bus work) and all equipment set.

Current Activity:

Contractor: Fence

PUD Crews: Control House and Dist/Trans Lines

Estimated Energization Date: 10/30/25



5.0 Customer Service

5.1 Service

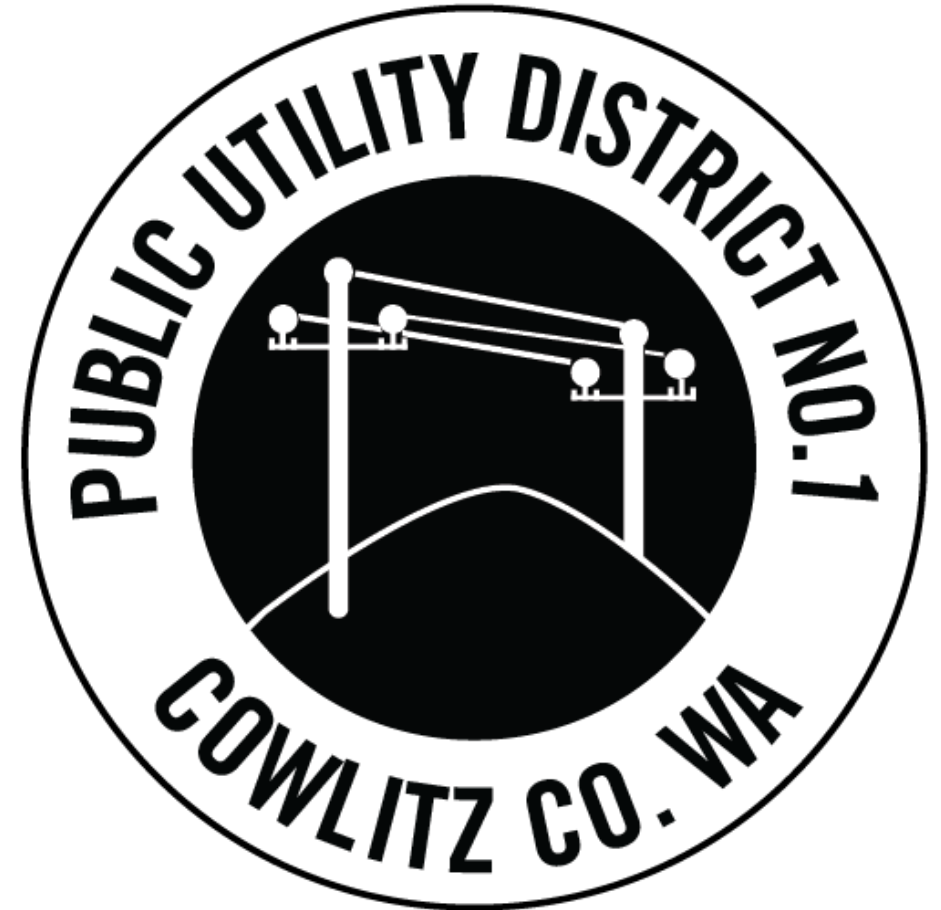
- Programs
- Interactions
- Service Levels

5.2 Accounts

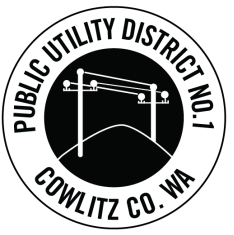
- Payments
- Disconnects
- Arrearages

5.3 Assistance

- Payment Assistance
- Warm Neighbor Funding
- Outreach and Events

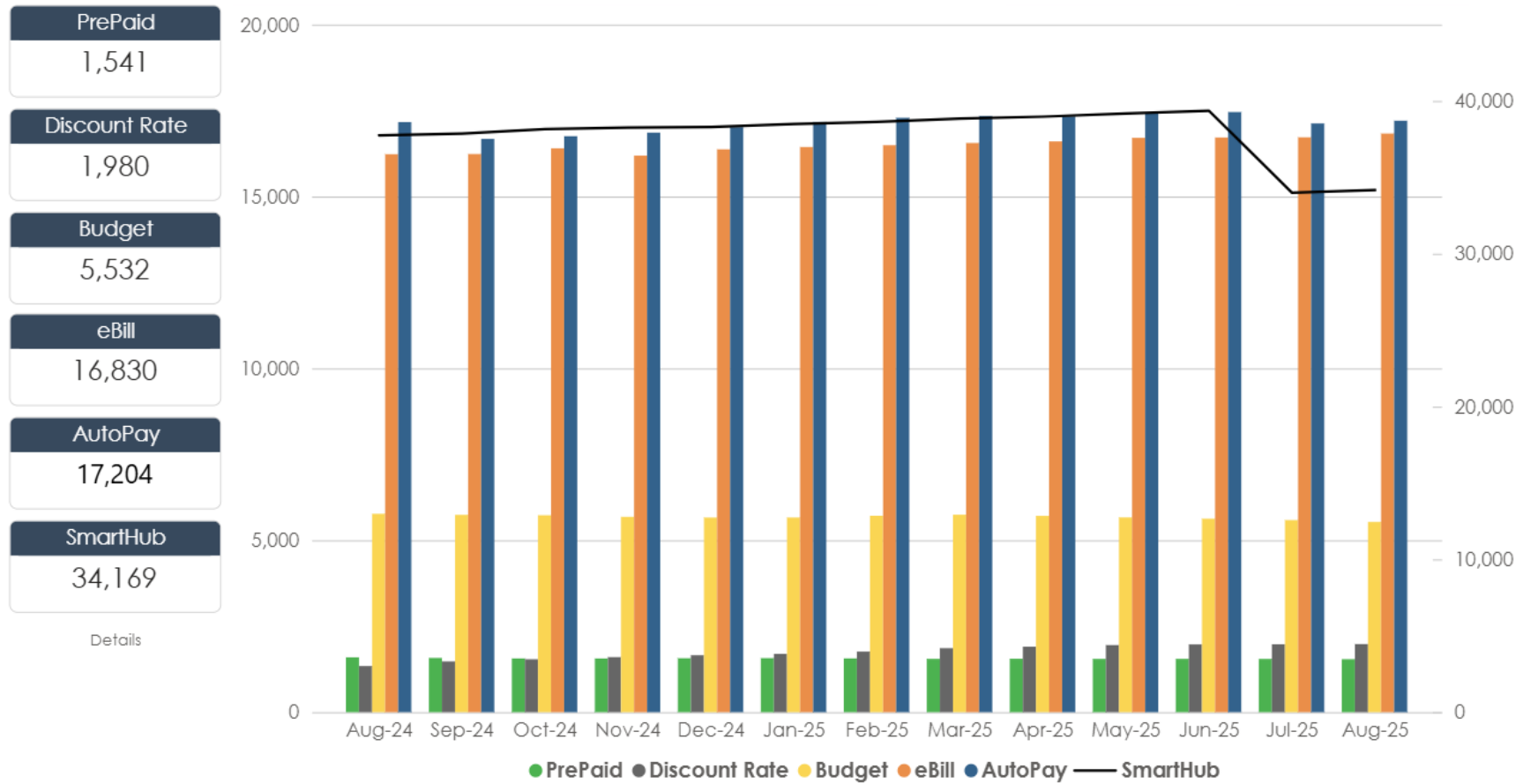


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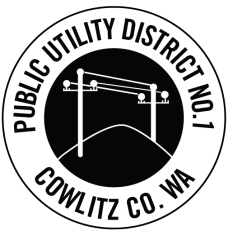


Programs

- Overall enrollment across AutoPay, Budget and PrePay has held consistent, with only minor fluctuations.
- The Discount Rate program and eBill show the most growth, adding over 600 new participants since last August.
- After last month's reporting change, SmartHub participation has leveled off at around 34,000 users, continuing as the largest customer program.



5.1 Service

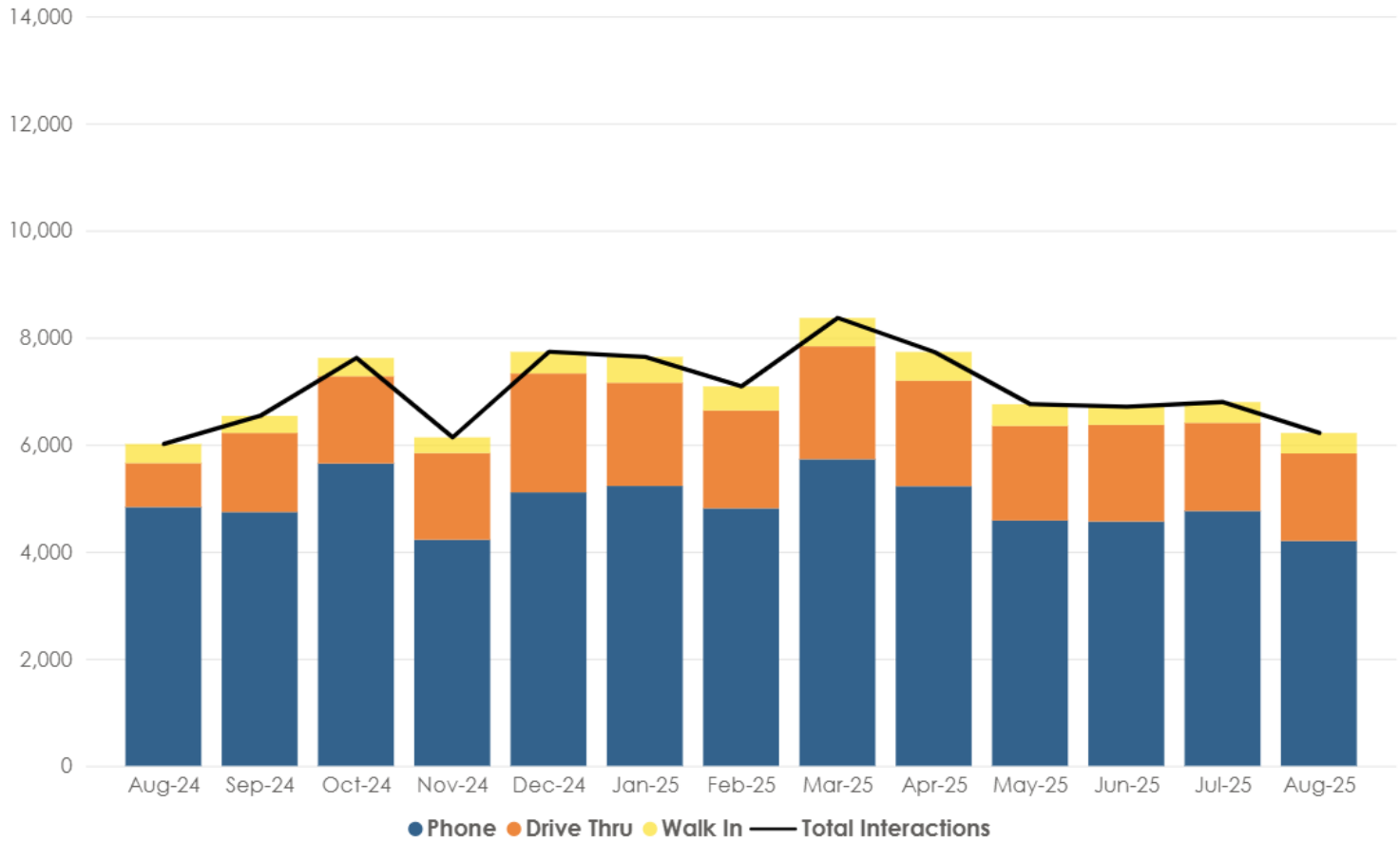


Interactions

- Total customer interactions are down from last month.
- Seasonal interactions continue to decrease through the summer months (July-Aug).
- Phone interactions continue to make up the majority of total contacts (approximately 2/3).
- Drive-thru use increased year-over-year, especially in August 2025 compared to August 2024. This could be a result of increased phone wait times.

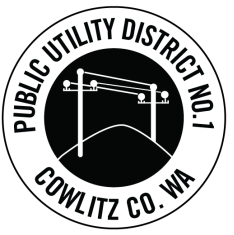
Total Interactions	6,217
Phone	4,201
Drive Thru	1,634
Walk In	382

Details



5.1 Service

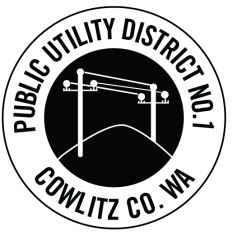
Service Levels



- Call wait times and abandoned calls significantly increased due to unexpected staffing shortages.
- Two new employees have been hired and are in the process of being trained.
- Once the two new hires are fully trained that will help bring the Service Level Goal back to normal range.

NEW GRAPH
UNDER DEVELOPMENT

5.2 Account



Payments

- Over 53,000 total transactions processed, with the majority handled through system processing rather than CSR processing.
- Customers are continuing to adopt digital payment methods such as AutoPay, SmartHub and Web, while kiosk and phone payments remain relatively small.
- The significant increase in CSR processed payments last year was primarily due to the posting of grant funds to customer accounts.

Total Transactions

53,140

Total Dollars

\$21,500,302

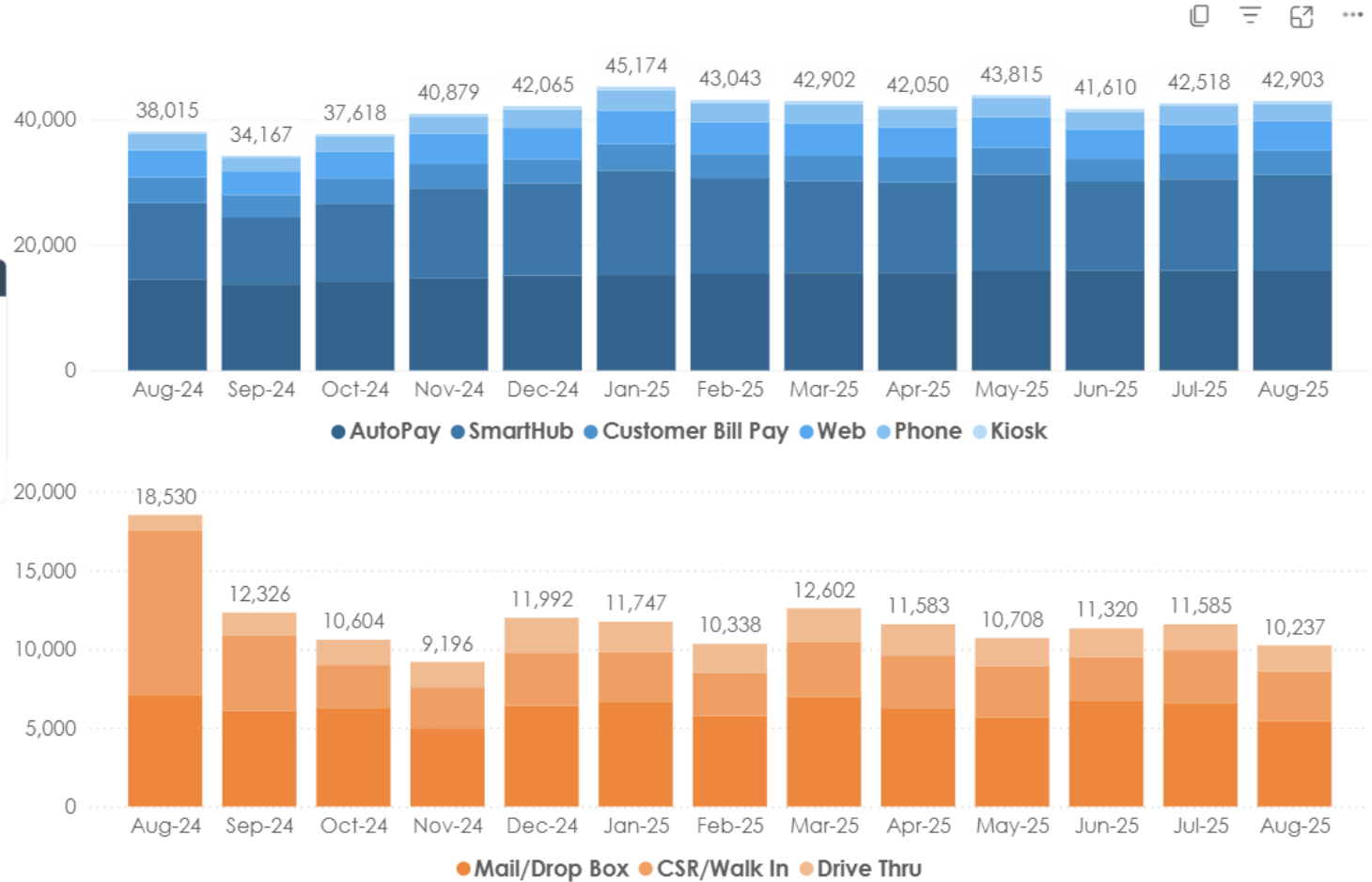
System Processed

AutoPay	15,818
SmartHub	15,311
Customer Bill Pay	3,873
Web	4,681
Phone	2,746
Kiosk	474

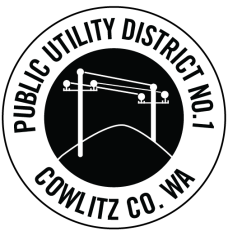
CSR Processed

Mail/Drop Box	5,413
CSR/Walk In	3,190
Drive Thru	1,634

Details

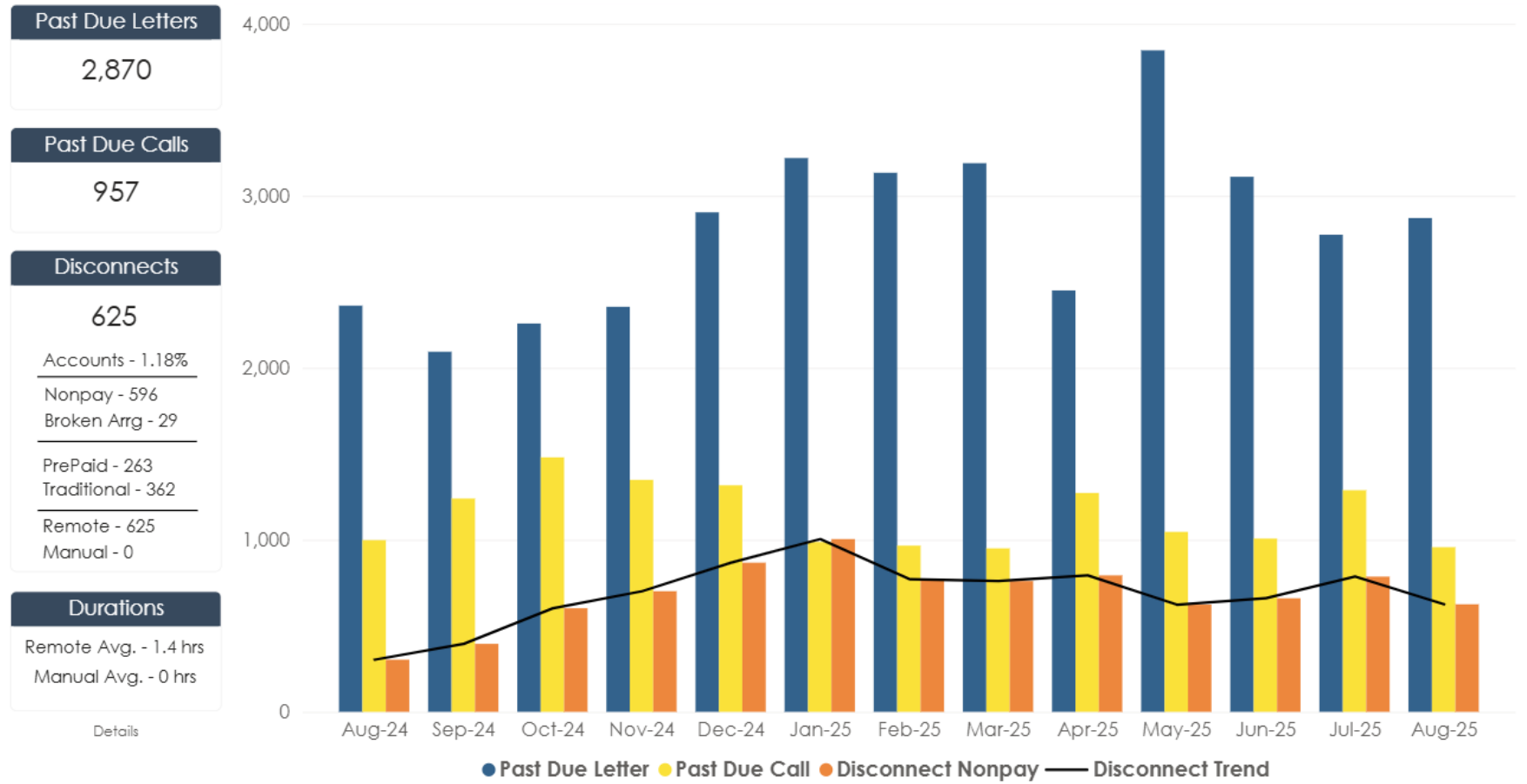


5.2 Account



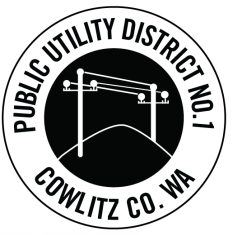
Disconnects

- In August, there were 2,870 past due letters sent, 957 past-due calls, and 625 disconnects for non-payment (all remote meters), which shows an increase for this time of year.
- The ability to pay and have service restored immediately has influenced how customers respond to disconnect notices.
- Customers with remote meters averaged only 1.4 hours disconnected in August.



5.2 Account

Arrearages

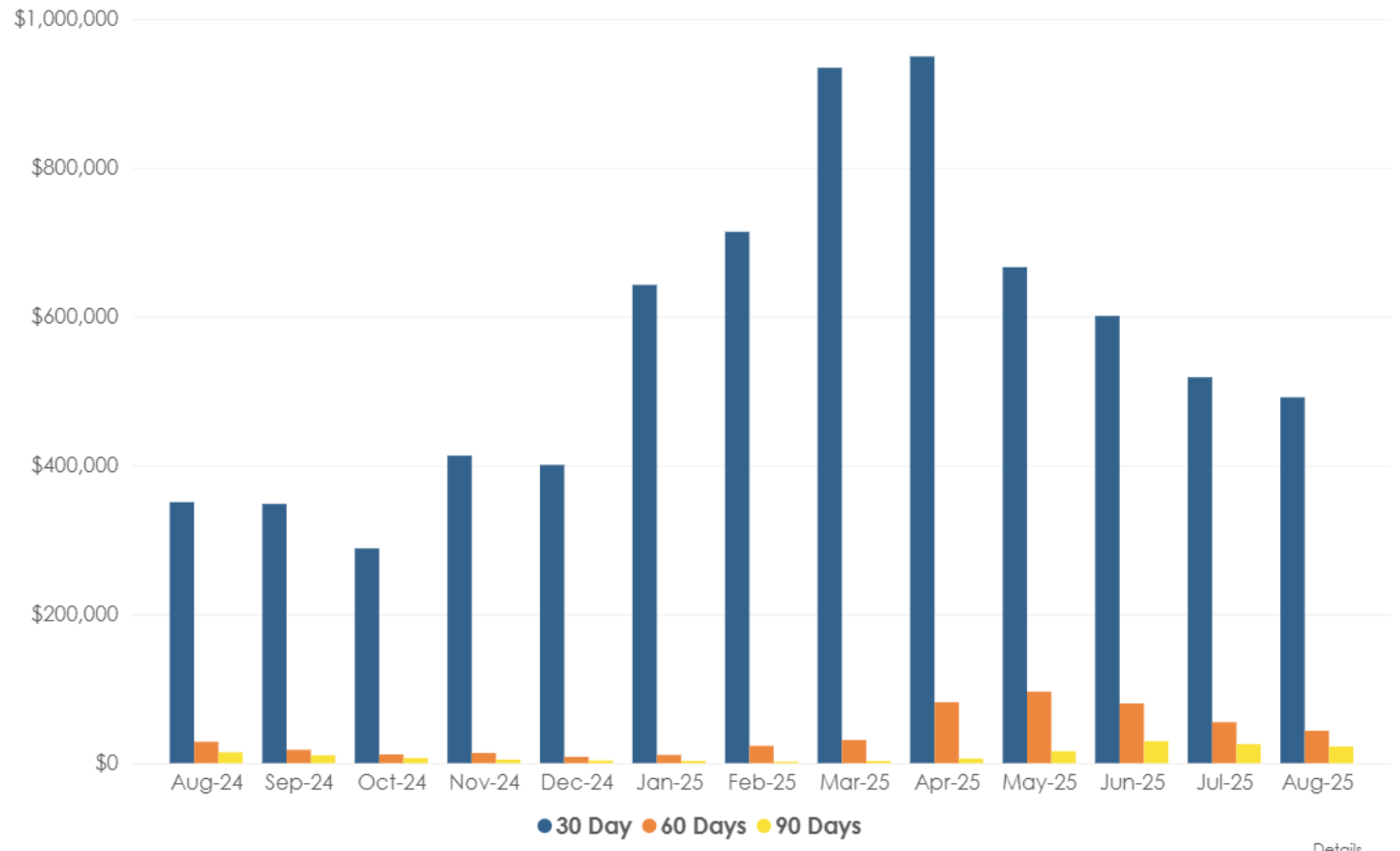


- Customers are charged a past-due fee at 30 days and may be disconnected for non-payment around 45 days, which explains why balances drop sharply after 60 and 90 days.
- While total arrearages are higher than Aug 2024, the 90-day past due amount for Regular accounts is slightly lower, showing success in working with customers to resolve issues before they become severe.
- Prepaid arrangements and Budget balances will remain on the account until paid or reconciled, making them the main reason for the overall increase in arrearages compared to last year.

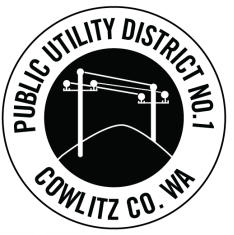
30-Days Past Due	
\$491,528	4,132
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\$430,031	Regular
\$1,257	Prepaid
\$60,241	Budget

60-Days Past Due	
\$43,484	534
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\$12,142	Regular
\$662	Prepaid
\$30,680	Budget

90-Days Past Due	
\$22,513	181
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\$1,305	Regular
\$1,931	Prepaid
\$19,278	Budget



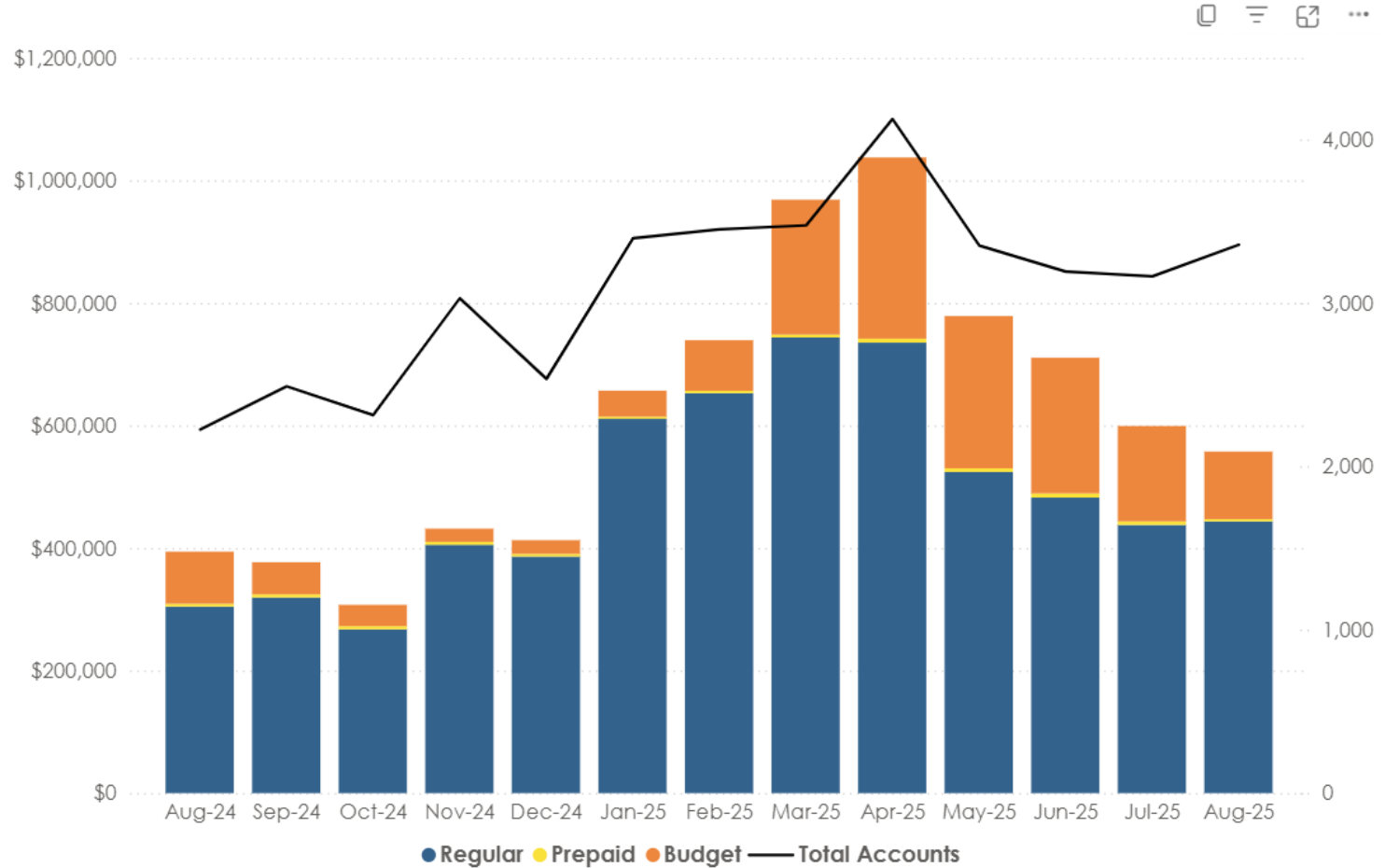
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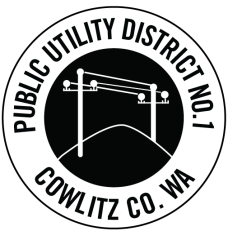
Arrearages

- Past due balances total \$557k across 4,132 accounts, with the majority coming from budget plans.
- Balances peaked in spring 2025 and have since declined through summer, with expected further reduction as fall/winter payments offset accrued budget amounts.
- PrePaid arrearages generally stem from old balance transfers, with payments applied proportionally (60/40 in summer, shifting to 75/25 in fall) between usage and past-due balances.

Total Past Due	\$557,525
Total Accounts	4,132



5.3 Assistance

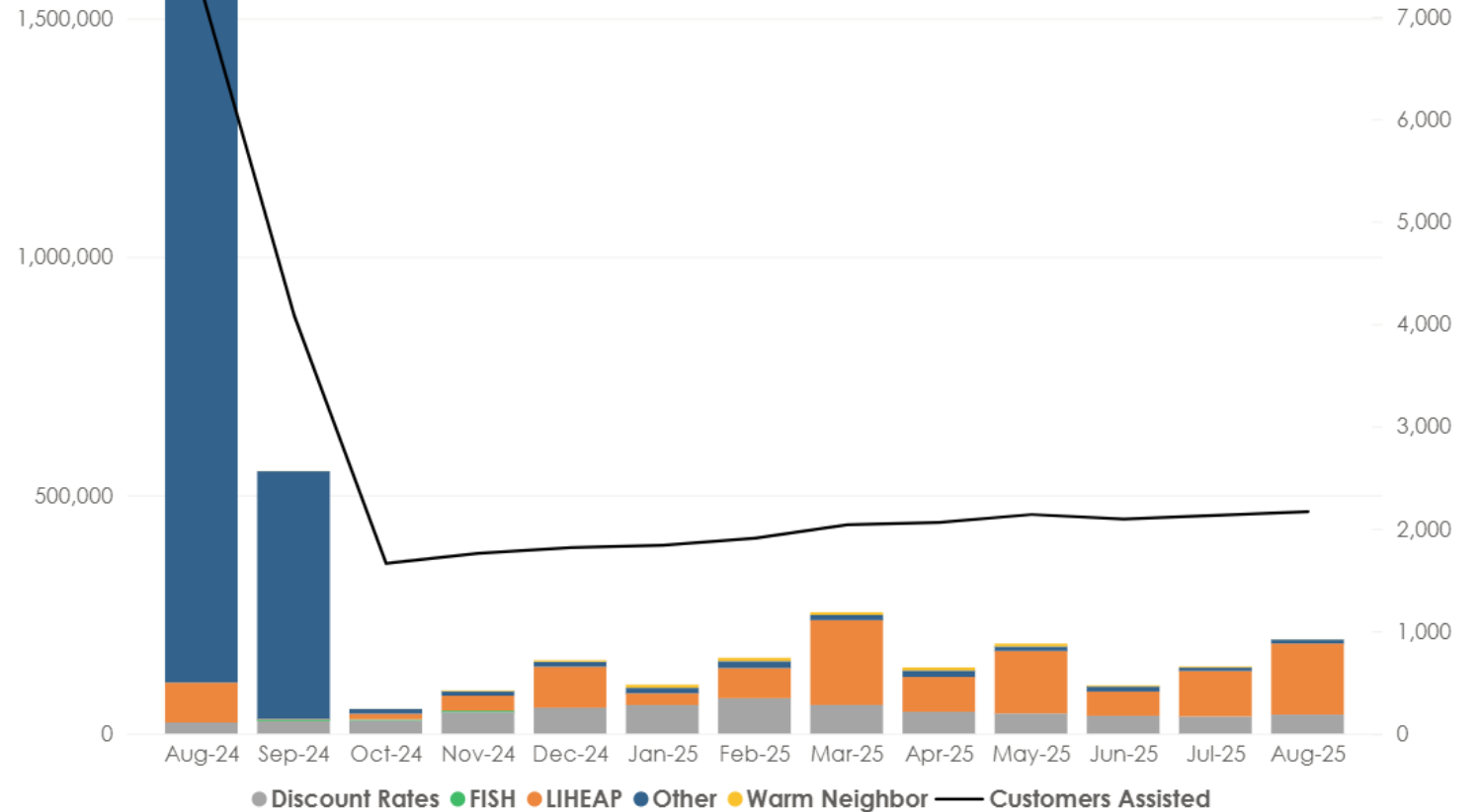


Payment Assistance

- A total of 2,168 customers received \$197k in assistance.
- LIHEAP provided \$149k in August, nearly double last year's level due to additional funding and higher customer participation.
- The District's Discount Rate program grew by \$16k year-over-year, reflecting increased enrollment.
- FISH assistance is available during September while LIHEAP is closed.

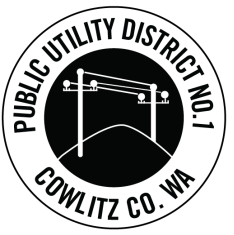
Total Assistance	\$197,582
Discount Rate	\$39,898
FISH	\$0
LIHEAP	\$149,108
Other	\$8,239
Warm Neighbor	\$337
Customers Assisted	2,168

Details

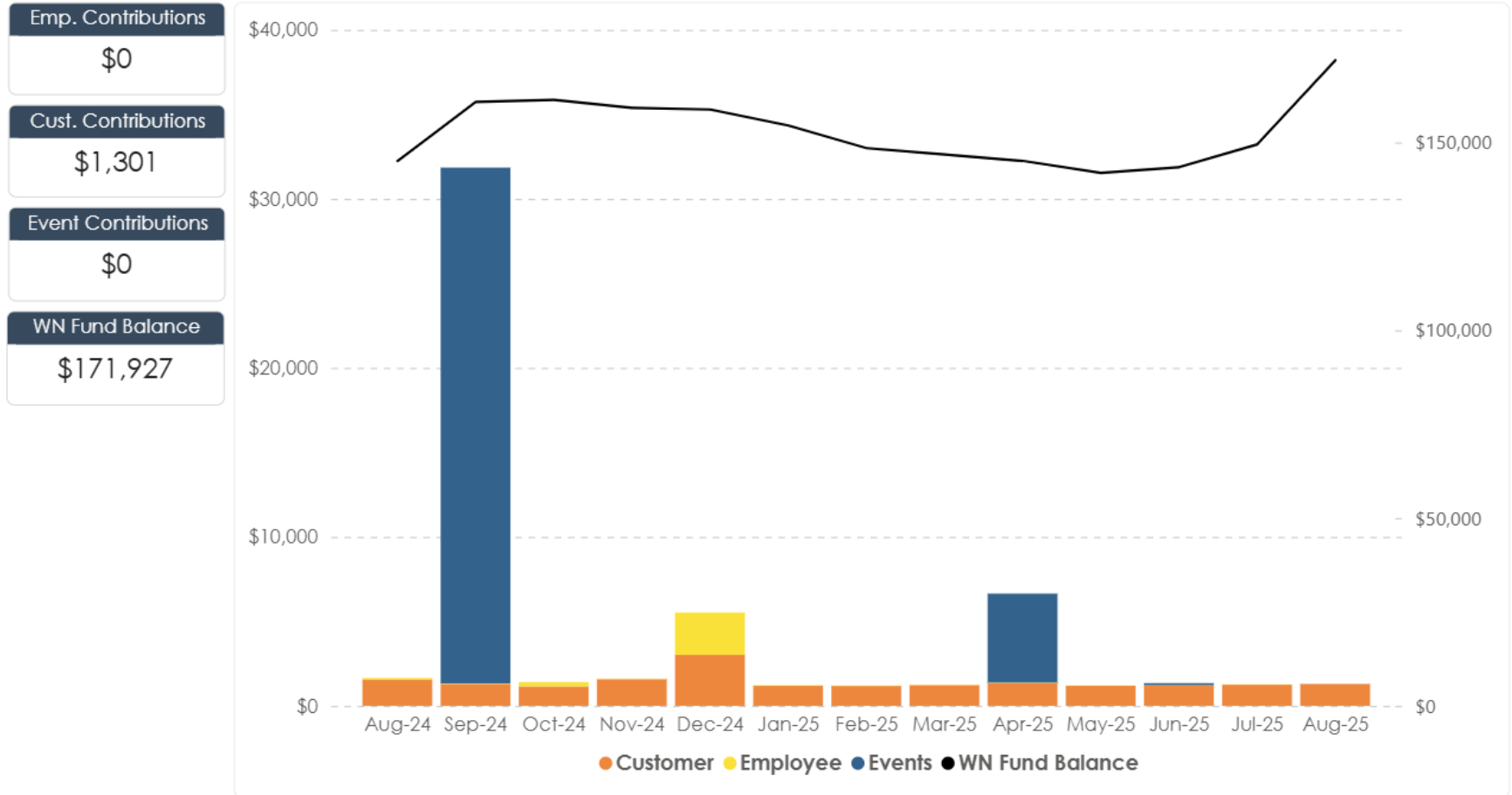


5.3 Assistance

Warm Neighbor Funding

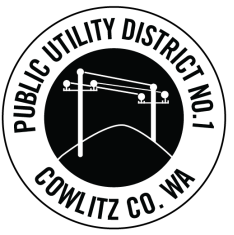


- Customer donations to the Warm Neighbor fund have remained consistent over the year.
- Our largest funding event, Weekend for Warm Neighbor, was recently held and is expected to surpass last year's proceeds. Final numbers will be reported once all invoices have been paid.



5.3 Assistance

Outreach and Events



10/6

Customer Service Appreciation Week

- Established in 1980 and held the first week of October to celebrate the importance of customer service and the people who serve and support customers every day.
- I would like to recognize the incredible work our Customer Service Representatives do each and every day. They are often the first point of contact for our customers. Whether it's answering questions, resolving billing issues or offering reassurance during an outage, the way they serve our customers makes a real difference and is truly appreciated – not just this week, but all year long.

10/9

Community Resource Fair

- Over 70 organizations will be in attendance to provide information about valuable local resources: education, medical, legal, housing, heating, food, veteran's services and more.
- This year it will be held at LCC from 11:00-2:00 and is open to the public.
- Energy Efficiency and Customer Service will be there to provide information on the District's low-income assistance programs.

10/21

CAP Commodities Day

- Food assistance is provided every 3rd Tuesday of the month from 8:00-1:00 in the CAP parking lot off 12th Avenue (drive-thru and walk-up available)
- Discount Rate and Warm Neighbor Program information will be distributed at their upcoming event.

6. Employee Services

6.1 Personnel Status

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

6.1 Personnel Status

Current Employee Count:

176 full-time employees

2 part-time employee

Retirement:

- Markus Wuerth, our NERC Certified Dispatcher retired on September 15, 2025, with 28 years of service.

6.2 Current Employee Recruitments

External Recruitments:

- We are currently recruiting to fill the following position:
 - **Customer Service Specialist** – this is a budgeted position to replace a vacancy due to personnel moving into a CSR role. We are currently going through the interview process.
 - **NERC Certified Dispatcher** – we are currently recruiting to backfill this position with Jeff Bauman’s promotion to the Superintendent role. We are currently working on scheduling interviews for this position.
 - **Warehouse Helper** – we are currently recruiting to backfill an open position in the Warehouse. This position is open through September 28, 2025.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Coming up for 2025:

- **Kelso/Longview Chamber of Commerce Cowlitz Career Exploration – 10/23/2025**
 - This event will take place at Lower Columbia College in the Myklebust Gymnasium & Fitness Center and will showcase different business throughout Cowlitz and Clark County. This event is targeted to Junior and Senior students in Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties.
- **Kelso High School Career Fair – 11/4/2025**
 - This event will take place at Kelso High School and have high school juniors and seniors along with Kelso middle school students and Kalama High school in attendance.
- **Cowlitz PUD ½ Day Job Shadow – 11/5/2025**
 - Cowlitz PUD hosts our half day job shadow annually with local Cowlitz and Wahkiakum Junior and Senior high school students. We have already communicated with local high schools regarding our event and we usually have anywhere between 60-80 students attend. We will have short workshops with Cowlitz PUD staff leading the way to introduce students to the different career options we have at the District.
- **Castle Rock Career Fair – 4/21/2026**
 - This event is tentatively scheduled to take place on April 21, 2026 in the Castle Rock High School parking lot.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Completed for 2025:

- **Longview High School College & Career Fair Day – 2/27/2025**
 - RA Long and Mark Morris High Schools will be hosting a one-day college and career fair for their students.
 - RA Long will run from 8:30-10:30am
 - Mark Morris will run from 12:30pm – 2:00pm
 - These two career fairs were targeted at Junior and Senior level students to learn about the careers that Cowlitz PUD offers. Cowlitz discussed different job opportunities with the students and the education needs for the careers they were interested in.
- **Carrols Elementary School – Career Week – 3/6/2025**
 - Cowlitz PUD attended the Carrols Elementary school career week and presented to 29, 4th and 5th grade students. During this time, we played a match game where we discussed different careers at Cowlitz PUD and what people in those careers do each day.
- **Kalama High School Career Fair – 3/25/2025**
 - This event took place on March 25th at Kalama High School. We spoke with over 500 students, grades 6th to 12th grade and gave them information on what a PUD is and the varied careers at a Public Utility.
- **WSU Vancouver Engineering and Technology Career Fair – 3/26/2025**
 - This event took place on March 26th at WSU Vancouver. We promoted our two open Transmission & Distribution internships and the current open positions we have. We educated students on Public Utilities and the different careers offered.

6.3 Career Fair – Public and Student Outreach

Outreach Events Completed for 2025:

- **Woodland High School Career Fair – 4/18/2025**
 - This event will take place on April 18, 2025 in the Woodland High School gym.
 - We talked with over 150 students about what a PUD does and the importance of Public Power along with the different types of positions that we have in the Utility industry.
- **Castle Rock High School Skilled Trades Fair – April 22, 2025**
 - This event will take place on April 22, 2025 in the Castle Rock High School parking lot.
 - Cowlitz PUD brought our Safety Trailer and completed two different demonstrations with students along with showing students how to tie in insulators and having them practice.
 - This event was open to not only Castle Rock High School students but from students at different high schools bringing over 600 students to the event.
- **Robert Gray Elementary School – Safety Trailer Demonstration – 5/22/2025**
 - This event took place on May 22, 2025 at Robert Gray Elementary School with the Second Grade students. Brad Keith's line crew completed a safety trailer demonstration while onsite and even blew a circuit and had to turn the power back on while they were onsite.
- **Kelso/Longview Work Source Career Fair – 5/27/2025**
 - This event took place at the Kelso Work Source office on May 27, 2025 and Teedara spoke with numerous local residents about the current and upcoming job openings we have.



Castle Rock High School Skilled Trades Fair

PUD Employees Participating in this Event:
Teedara Wolf, Alice Dietz, Jeremy Beck, Deanna Killett, Brad Keith,
Thomas Gustin, Robert Spitler, Devin Wannamaker and Kevin
Wilbur.

7. Public Relations and Communications

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THE HISTORY OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON



The Origins of PUDs

In 1929, the Washington State Grange—a populist agricultural group—gathered over 60,000 signatures, double the required amount, to introduce initiative No. 1 to the Legislature. This initiative

aimed to empower rural communities to create publicly owned utilities.

When the Legislature declined to act, the initiative was placed on the ballot and passed in 1930 with 54% of the vote. The resulting law, effective in 1931, became known as RCW 54. It authorized the creation of Public Utility Districts (PUDs) to conserve Washington's water and power resources and provide essential services like electricity and water.

Over the years, the scope of PUDs has grown significantly:

- **Mason County PUD No. 1 was the first to begin operations, serving Hoodport in 1935.**
- **Mason County PUD No. 3 followed, supplying electricity to other parts of the county. Today, Mason County is unique in having two operating PUDs—No. 1 provides water and sewer services, while No. 3 offers broadband.**
- **2000: The law was amended to allow PUDs to offer wholesale broadband services.**
- **2015: PUDs gained authority to produce and distribute renewable natural gas.**
- **2019: Authority expanded to include renewable hydrogen.**
- **2020: PUDs were authorized to provide retail broadband services.**

In 1934, voters in Benton and Franklin counties approved the first countywide PUDs. However, Skamania County PUD, approved in 1939, was the first countywide PUD to begin operations in 1940.

Despite resistance from private utility companies, the Washington State Supreme Court upheld the PUD law in

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY

What is a Renewable Energy Credit (REC)?

A REC is like a receipt that shows clean energy was made and added to the grid. When you buy a REC, you're supporting renewable energy and offsetting the need for other generation that produces carbon—even if the electricity you use comes from other sources.



A Renewable Energy Credit (REC) is a certificate that represents proof that one megawatt-hour (MWh) of electricity was generated from a renewable energy source—like wind, solar, or hydro—and fed into the power grid.

Want to get involved?

You can support clean energy by purchasing RECs to help fund renewable energy projects like wind and solar. Bonneville Environmental Foundation offers the option to buy RECs on behalf of your household or business. Visit <https://www.cowlitzpud.org/efficiency/renewable-energy-credits/> to learn more!

Customer Service

Our Customer Service Representatives are available to assist you with all of your electric needs.

- Start, stop, or transfer service
- Billing questions
- Usage information
- Assistance programs
- Payment options
- Account services

• Update account information
To contact us call 360.423.2210 Monday thru Thursday 7am – 5:30pm, excluding holidays or email us at customerservice@cowlitzpud.org.



Malvertising and Malvertisements

In the last 2 years, malvertising caused over half of all initial attacks on phones, computers, and digital services.

What is it?

A typical website has advertising in banners, in articles, and in search results. Most websites use third-party networks to display ads in real time. This brings in revenue but creates risks. Hackers may place corrupt ads on compromised networks. Legitimate ads then become malvertising. These can introduce malware, steal passwords, or link you to fake sites and login pages.

What do I do?

The best way to avoid malvertising is as follows:

1. Be aware of what advertising is on a website. Many sites will disguise ads as real articles, sponsored search results, download buttons, or "recommended content" widgets.
2. Don't click on any ads on websites. If you are interested in a product or service, visit the company's website directly, rather than clicking on an ad.

The History of Public Utilities continued

1936. This led to a statewide push by the Grange to establish PUDs, resulting in nearly two dozen counties forming districts over the next eight years—including Cowlitz PUD in 1936.

The newest addition is Asotin County PUD, created in 1984 in response to high water costs from a private provider. After legal proceedings, it acquired the Clarkston General Water Supply Co. and began operations in 1987.

Formation of the Washington PUD Association

In 1936, 34 PUD commissioners convened at the Grange headquarters in Seattle to form a trade group. Originally called the Washington Public Utility Commissioners Association, it is now known as the Washington Public Utility Districts Association (WPUDA). WPUDA advocates for PUD interests at the state, regional, and federal levels.

PREFERENCE AND PUDS

Federal Preference Policy

The Bonneville Power Act of 1937, signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, established the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) to distribute electricity from federal dams, including Bonneville (1938) and Grand Coulee (1941). The Act's "preference clause" prioritizes public bodies and cooperatives—like PUDs—for access to this low-cost hydropower.

This ensures that the benefits of the Columbia River hydro system are delivered to the people of the Pacific Northwest.

Why Preference Matters

PUDs that purchase power from BPA benefit from clean, renewable energy at cost, helping keep rates affordable. Many PUDs rely heavily on BPA, with Cowlitz PUD sourcing about 90% of its electricity from the agency. Today, BPA markets power from 31 hydroelectric dams on the Columbia and Snake rivers.

Energy Northwest: A Joint Operating Agency

In 1953, the Washington Legislature passed a law allowing public utilities to form joint operating agencies. By 1957, 17 PUDs had created the Washington Public Power Supply System, which launched the Packwood Hydroelectric Project in 1964. Now known as Energy Northwest, the agency also operates the Columbia Generating Station, Washington's only commercial nuclear power plant, which began service in 1984 and produces 1,150 megawatts of electricity.

Resource Fair

In partnership with the Community Mediation Center, we are excited to invite you to our annual community resource event! A one-stop shop to bring together local non-profits, businesses and service providers to share important information, connect with families and collaborate for a stronger community.

October 9th 10am–2pm at the LCC Student Center
1600 Maple St. Longview, WA

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Board of Commissioners meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 2pm.

To attend contact mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org



PLUGGED IN TO COWLITZ PUD

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Fuel Efficiency Tips

Save energy and money during cooler temperatures in the fall by taking control of your energy use. The following actions help to reduce your energy use:

- 1 Add or repair weatherstripping on windows and doors to reduce heat loss and drafts.
- 2 Reverse the direction of your ceiling fan in colder weather. Running the fan in reverse pulls the warm air off the ceiling and disperses it throughout the room.

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3 Check your air filters every month to improve air quality, reduce heating costs, and improve the efficiency of your heating system. Be sure to change the filters regularly to keep the system running properly.

4 If you have a programmable thermostat, program it to automatically change the temperature at set times for each day. Temperature is a personal/household decision, but the U.S. Department of Energy suggests setting your thermostat to 68 while you are awake and at home and lower it while you're asleep or away from home.

5 Take advantage of sunlight by opening your shades, allowing for natural light and capturing the warmth from the sun.

6 Keep furniture, drapes, carpets, and other objects from blocking the vents or registers. Blocked wall/baseboard heaters or register vents prevent heated air from circulating freely around the room and may cause your heating system to work harder and prevents rooms from warming up to the set temperature on the thermostat.

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Call energy efficiency for more ideas: 360-501-9514 or 800-631-1131.

Wildfire Mitigation Plan

Do you have a self sustaining plan?

To create a defensible space around your home and reduce fire risks, follow these guidelines:

- Create a 30–100 feet fire-resistant area.
- Trim or remove flammable brush and low-hanging branches.
- Keep grass and weeds under 4 inches.
- Store combustible materials 30 feet from structures.
- Clear debris from yards, roofs, and gutters.
- Ensure visible address signs for easy access by emergency services.
- Use fire-resistant building materials and non-combustible lawn furniture.
- Recycle yard waste instead of burning it.
- Maintain a 72-hour emergency kit and know evacuation routes.



Radio Messaging

Eat for Heat PSA's

At Cowlitz PUD, we know life is getting more expensive. Kayaking, camping – even a simple picnic – it all adds up. But powering your home for a day? Still just an average of \$4.39. Clean hydropower from the Columbia River delivers big value at a low cost – every single day. Now, if only we could do something about the price of gas. Cowlitz PUD – supporting our community with energy-saving solutions for electricity and safety. Cowlitz PUD, Your Power.



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[Purchase Eat for Heat Tickets Here](#)

WARMTH IN ACTION: HOW COWLITZ PUD'S WARM NEIGHBOR FUND POWERS HOPE IN THE COMMUNITY

For more than 25 years, the Warm Neighbor Fund has been a beacon of support for families across Cowlitz County, helping those who struggle to pay their electric bills but don't qualify for traditional government assistance. Entirely fueled by community generosity—through donations, events, and contributions from Cowlitz PUD employees—the fund reflects the spirit of neighbors helping neighbors.

A RECIPE FOR IMPACT: EAT FOR HEAT

One of the most innovative and heartwarming initiatives supporting the Warm Neighbor Fund is Eat for Heat, a locally sourced meal kit program launched in 2017. Participants pick up meal kits filled with ingredients from nearby farms, restaurants, breweries, and wineries, then prepare them at home—bringing the community together around the dinner table.

Eat for Heat has not only fed over 2,000 people but also raised an impressive \$80,000 for the Warm Neighbor Program. In addition, it has injected \$70,000 back into the local economy by supporting small businesses. Its success has earned national recognition and forged a meaningful partnership with United Way's Day of Caring, further strengthening its community roots.

A WEEKEND OF GIVING: THE WARM NEIGHBOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

Building on the momentum of Eat for Heat, Cowlitz PUD introduced A Weekend for Warm Neighbor in 2024, featuring the first-ever Annual Warm Neighbor Golf Tournament. This event expanded outreach efforts and encouraged participation from across the region. The result? A

The screenshot shows the Cowlitz PUD website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the following items: "Customer Services", "New Services", "Outages & Safety", "Energy Efficiency", "About", "News, Meetings & Events". On the right side of the header, there is a search bar, "OUTAGES 844.966.1319", and "MAIN OFFICE 360.423.2210". The main content area features a "SmartHub Login" overlay with a "LOGIN NOW" button, a "Register for Online Account Access" link, a "Reset My Password" link, and a "Make a One-Time Payment" button. Below the overlay, there is a "Connected Newsletter" section with three featured articles: "Clean Energy. Love it, hate..." with a landscape image, "Wildfire Mitigation Plan" with a sunset image, and "Same Payment. Every Month." with an image of stacked coins. At the bottom of the newsletter section, there is a "Support Warm Neighbor: Purchase Eat for Heat Tickets Here" link. The footer contains a "Connected Archives" button.

Save the Date



THE STATE OF POWER

2025 CEDC ANNUAL MEETING

ACCESS TO POWER AFFECTS EVERYTHING FROM PRIVATE ELECTRICITY RATES TO OUR ABILITY TO RECRUIT AND EXPAND INDUSTRY. JOIN US TO LEARN ABOUT THE CURRENT STATE OF ENERGY IN THE PNW AND WHAT THE FUTURE HOLDS FOR PRIVATE AND PUBLIC POWER NEEDS.



KURT MILLER
CEO & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOC.

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NON-MEMBERS WELCOME

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8. Regulatory and Regional Affairs 9/23/2025

8 – **September Activity**

8.1 – State

8.1.1 – CEIP Survey results

8.2 – Local/Regional

8.3 – Federal

8.4 – Other



8.1 State & Regulatory



- ❖ Commerce conducting rulemaking for CETA changes:
 - Remove greenhouse gas content reporting requirements consistent with changes made by the Legislature in 2024.
 - Remove language that was meant to explain the no-coal standard for regulators and utilities, as these clarifications are no longer needed after laws passed in 2025 (HB 1329)
 - Add reporting requirements recently adopted by the Legislature.
- ❖ Beginning pre-session work
 - Meeting with other utility GR staff
 - Working with Commerce to reintroduce HB 1610 – Public disclosure exemption for critical infrastructure information
- ❖ Commerce and UTC to hold 2nd Resource Adequacy Meeting
- ❖ Washington Supreme Court to review Initiative 2066 – related to natural gas
- ❖ Commerce opens grant applications for Grid Resilience and Clean Energy Siting
- ❖ WA Utilities & Transpo. Comm. asking for feedback on federal laws impacting clean energy
- ❖ Cap and Invest auction prices settled at \$64.30 (up \$5.79 or 10% from Jun '25 auction), raising \$446 million and triggering a separate Allowance Price Containment Reserve auction.

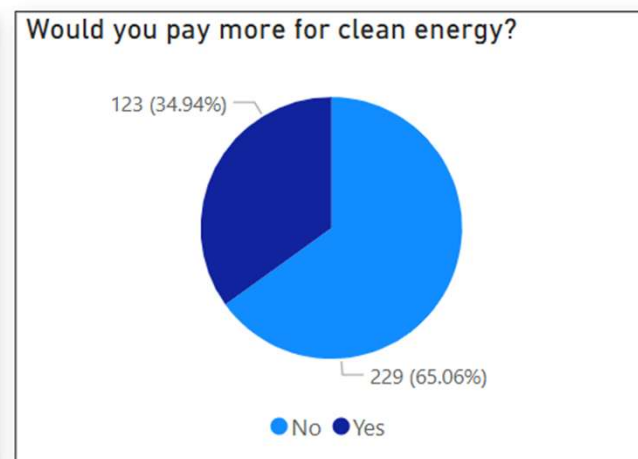
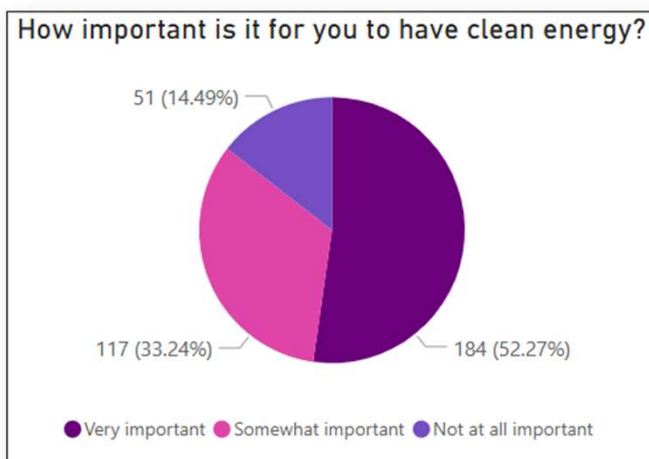
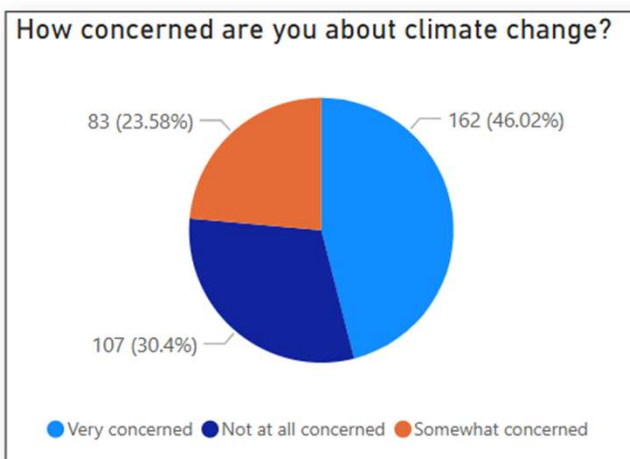
8.1.1 CETA Clean Energy Implementation Plan



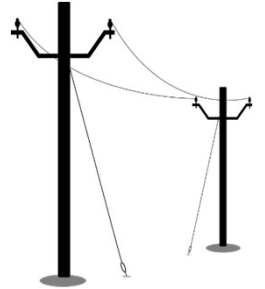
❖ Cowlitz PUD CEIP Customer Survey Closed at end of August

- 352 responses
- Most common responses related to keeping costs low and energy reliable.
- Solar, wind, and energy efficiency were the preference for adding clean energy to our portfolio.
- To increase participation our customers would like more incentives and rebates and would like to understand if they qualify and what the benefits are.

❖ Next Steps: Develop Action Plan for the next 4 years



8.2 Local/Regional



- ❖ Lower Columbia CAP Community Solar Project update:
 - Shared draft agreement with CAP. Waiting for response.
 - Next step is assisting with the RFP for project bids.
- ❖ Wa St Broadband Office submits \$1.2 billion BEAD plan to Feds for broadband deployment; NOANet’s proposal to serve N. Cowlitz County (incl. Ryderwood) is included within the funding plan
- ❖ BPA hiring freeze has been partially lifted
 - Can fill mission-critical positions that were vacated or lost earlier this year
- ❖ BPA has ended its contract with the Bonneville Environmental Foundation; District is exploring future clean energy consulting opportunities with BEF independent from Bonneville funding
- ❖ California legislature passes bill authorizing formation of regional governance of CAISO’s Extended Day Ahead Market (EDAM)

8.3 Federal



- ❖ Federal government shutdown could occur if temporary continuing resolution (CR) not finalized by September 30th
 - Dems are pushing for health care funding in exchange for support of the CR
 - Republicans have proposed a 7-week funding plan to extend the deadline
- ❖ Litigation stay lifted over the Columbia River System Operations and Lower Snake River Dams following the federal government's withdrawal from the 12/14 Resilient Columbia Basin Agreement
- ❖ Rep. Newhouse proposes a bill to ban federal dollars from going to study or actual break of the LSRDs (H.R. 2073 Defending Our Dams Act)
- ❖ House Appropriations Committee approves bill that would slightly increase LIHEAP funding (+\$10m) for total FY26 funding of \$4.035 billion

8.4 Other

- ❖ Developing revenue strategy for the Clean Fuels Standards Program
- ❖ Assisting with updating behind-the-meter Interconnection Policy standards for engineering
 - Net-metering and community solar billing/crediting sections moving to customer service policy