



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

September 23, 2025

For more information contact

Alice Dietz, Cowlitz PUD

(360) 501-9146, adietz@cowlitzpud.org

Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners Approve Rate Increase Effective October 1st, 2025

COWLITZ COUNTY, WA — The Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners has approved a rate increase, which will be effective October 1, 2025. Understanding that any increase can be challenging, we have worked collaboratively and diligently to minimize the impact on our community, with an average increase of 4% for residential customers, amounting to about \$5 per month for the average customer, and 1.2% for commercial and industrial customers. This decision reflects a necessary adjustment due to rising power and transmission costs from the Bonneville Power Administration.

As a nonprofit, publicly owned agency, Cowlitz PUD is committed to serving our community's needs. This rate adjustment allows Cowlitz PUD to continue providing safe, reliable, and clean energy while reinforcing the utility's dedication to fiscal responsibility.

Cowlitz PUD also understands that managing costs is important for families. To support customers, we offer a variety of programs, including free home energy audits, rebates for energy-efficient upgrades, and helpful resources to manage energy use. "We're committed to engaging with our community and equipping our neighbors with the tools they need to navigate these changes together," said Board Chair, Commissioner Dave Quinn.

For more information, including assistance programs and energy-saving tips, please visit cowlitzpud.org or reach out to Customer Service. Together, we can build a stronger, more sustainable future for everyone in Cowlitz County.

###

About Cowlitz PUD

Cowlitz PUD, founded in 1936, is a Public Utility District in Longview, WA. It serves approximately 50,000 electric customers in Cowlitz County, WA, and is the second-largest PUD in the state in annual retail power sales. Cowlitz owns the 70-megawatt Swift No. 2 Hydroelectric Project on the North Fork of the Lewis River (WA).