

New Budget Year Begins

For current Budget Payment customers, June begins a new budget year. You will find your new budget amount on your bill.

If you have any questions, call Klickitat PUD at (509) 773-5891, or toll free at (800) 548-8357.

If you are not currently a Budget Payment customer, fill out the form included with your May power bill and mail it with your payment, or drop it off at one of the KPUD offices.

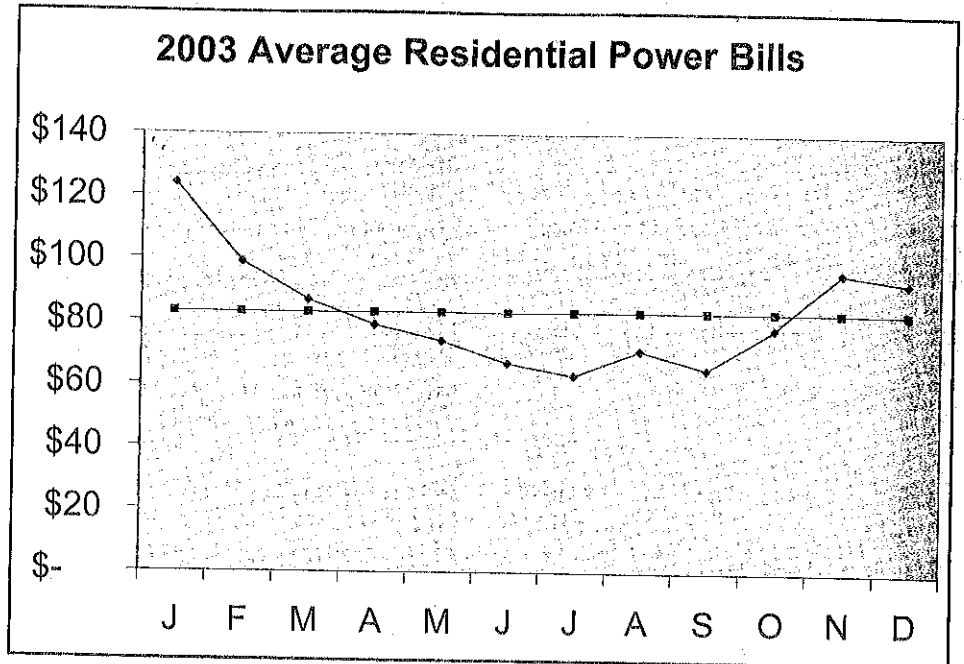
If you don't have a form, call our office to sign up.

PUD Budget Billing Can Help Your Budget

If higher power bills during heating or air conditioning season strain your budget, look into KPUD's Budget Payment Plan. Budget payment customers pay the same amount each month, regardless of usage, which makes it a lot easier on their checking accounts.

Power use for the average residential customer looks like the chart above: a high bill of \$94 one month, a moderate bill for \$59 a few months later, and another for \$43 a few months after that. Customers never know what to expect when they open their bill.

With the Budget Payment Plan, you pay the same amount in a year that you currently pay, but it is divided into equal payments. KPUD takes your power usage for the past year and divides it by 12. That becomes your budget payment for the next 12 months. Your total power costs are the same, but you pay them in 12 equal, predictable and convenient payments. There are periodic adjustments if your energy use is much higher or



lower than the previous year.

To learn more about paying equal bills, contact our customer

service staff at (509) 773-5891, or at (800) 548-8357. ■



Al Sanders demonstrates electrical safety at the annual Help Us Grow Safely (HUGS) Fair, sponsored by Klickitat County 4-H, Skyline Hospital, Henckle Middle School and Project Open Door. Al, a retired PUD employee, contracts with KPUD to conduct safety training for PUD crews and school children. The HUGS Fair promotes health and safety, along with science and technology. A new booth this year used GPS technology to send kids on a scavenger hunt.