

## New Accounting Manager Hired

By Brandi Meech

Born in The Dalles and raised in Goldendale, Greg Gallagher has returned to the area to assist Klickitat PUD (KPUD) as the new accounting manager and deputy auditor.

Hired in July, Greg says he is excited to be back in Goldendale and to be given the chance to work closely with the customers of KPUD. He hopes to assist the utility in meeting the needs of customers by aligning the accounting department with the district's vision to be a customer-focused utility.

Greg says he enjoys working with people to accomplish common goals, which is part of the reason a job in accounting has been so fulfilling. He says he likes learning new things, and is excited to make the transition from the telephone industry to the power industry.

Previously employed by Integra Telecom and living in Vancouver,



Greg Gallagher

Washington, Greg, and his wife Jennifer, and their daughter, Rachel, plan to move to Goldendale by early September.

After graduating from Goldendale High School, Greg attended

Walla Walla Community College for two years before transferring to Central Washington University. He received a degree in business administration and financing and has worked in various accounting management positions.

He enjoys spending time with his family when he is not at work, and also enjoys hunting and riding snowmobiles.

Greg says he is a "retired" softball player, and has started taking up golf as a new hobby.

One of the perks to moving back to the Goldendale area for Greg is his newfound appreciation for no traffic. He says he is enjoying being home from work in five to ten minutes as opposed to the 45 minutes to an hour-and-a-half drive he had endured in the city.

Greg likes a small community, and although he is quick to add the Portland-Vancouver area is great and full of diversity; he and his family are ready for the change.

## Energy Settlement to Benefit Many Customers

The second and final energy settlement fund distribution from the attorney general's office will be arriving soon.

As you may recall, the settlement is the result of the anti-trust lawsuit with the gas companies for overcharges during the 2001 energy crisis affecting the Pacific Northwest.

Approximately 500 of KPUD's 900 large and medium, commercial

and industrial customers qualified, and will receive a credit of at least \$5 toward their account, effective August 31, 2005.

The settlement was made possible due to the energy company's accelerated settlement payments, resulting in a lump sum being available for KPUD distribution at this time.

This payment completes the set-

tlement program. KPUD's residential customers are not included in this agreement.

Watch for the credit to show up as a payment on your commercial and/or industrial bills in September.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at (509) 773-5891 or (800) 548-8357.