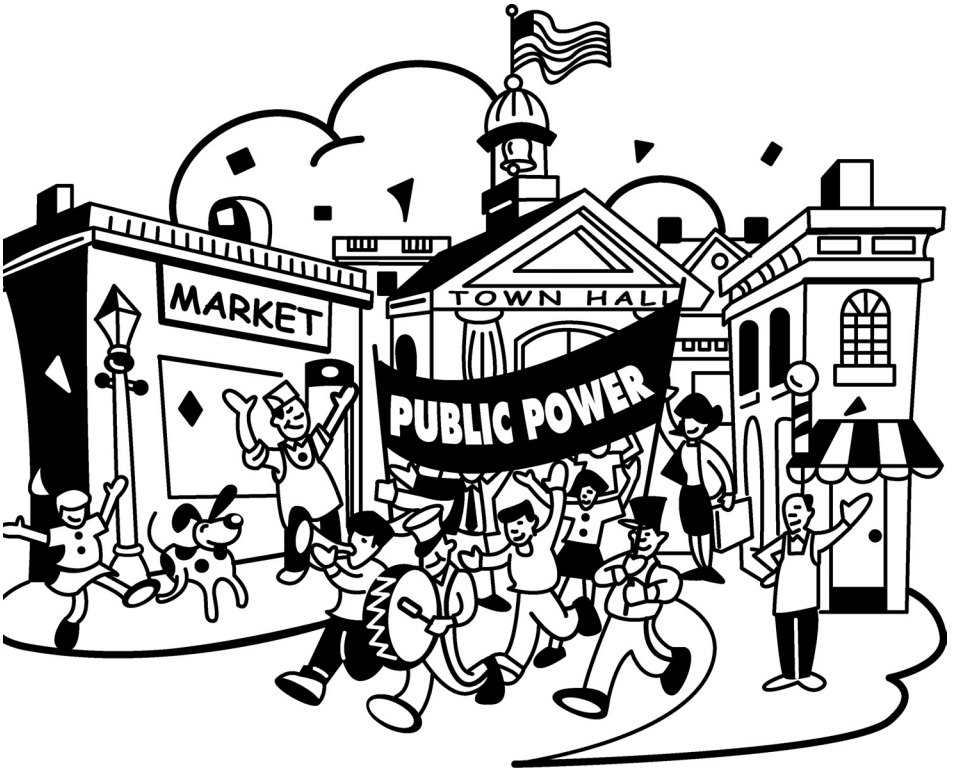
Celebrating Public Power!

During the week of October 1 through October 7, Klickitat PUD is celebrating Public Power's 20th anniversary.

Customers are invited to stop by the Goldendale and White Salmon offices for refreshments and informational handouts on **Thursday, October 5**, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to help celebrate Public Power Week.



Public Power: Then and Today

Twenty years ago this fall, the American Public Power Association (APPA) and its members created Public Power Week to help utilities focus a special time during the year to tell the story of community ownership of electric utilities.

In 1986, the immediate need was to save and protect the public and federal power marketing administrations from sale and protect public power's first right to purchase hydropower from federal dams.

The APPA launched a grassroots program aimed at Congress. Public power systems from all across the country rallied to the cause. As part of the program, Public Power Week aimed to inform customers about public power's community-ownership and not-for-profit service mission so they could understand why a first right to hydropower was important.

Today, public power systems' first right to federal hydropower is back on a solid foundation, and Public Power Week has become embedded in the calendar with the theme "Public Power: An American Tradition That Works."

What Life Was Like When Public Power Week Was Created

Do you know or remember these facts about the year 1986? They illustrate how much our country, economy, and culture have changed during the past generation since Public Power Week was instituted.

In 1986 ...

Ronald W. Reagan was the 40th President of the United States

The top billboard song was "That's What Friends Are For" by Dionne Warwick and Friends.

The best selling fiction book was "It" by Stephen King. The best selling non-fiction work was "Fatherhood" by Bill Cosby.

The first class postage stamp was 22 cents.

The Chicago Bears earned the Super Bowl title, beating the New England Patriots 46-10

The United States population was 240 million. Today it is almost 300 million.

The Space Shuttle Challenger exploded in mid-air.

Apple introduced the Mac Plus, which contained one megabyte of RAM, and a new keyboard that contained cursors and a numeric keypad.

The median household income was $24,897.

GI Joe, My Little Pony, Pound Puppies and Transformers were popular toys.

Senator Al Gore introduced S. 2594, the Supercomputer Network Study Act of 1986.

The two top-grossing movies were "Top Gun" and "Crocodile Dundee," followed by "Platoon" and "The Karate Kid, Part 2."

The New York Mets beat the Boston Red Sox 4 to 3 in the World Series.

The most popular television series were "The Cosby Show," "Family Ties," and "Cheers."

A gallon on gasoline cost 93 cents. ■

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