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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
March 11, 2019
5:30 p.m.

THE DALLES CITY HALL
313 COURT STREET
THE DALLES, OREGON

PRESIDING: Mayor Richard Mays

COUNCIL PRESENT: Russ Brown, Linda Miller, Tim McGlothlin, Rod Runyon

COUNCIL ABSENT: Darcy Long-Curtiss

STAFF PRESENT: City Manager Julie Krueger, City Attorney Gene Parker, City Clerk Izetta Grossman, Public Works Director Dave Anderson, Police Chief Patrick Ashmore, Human Resources Director Daniel Hunter

Number of people present: 38

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mays at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCIL

Roll Call was conducted by City Clerk Grossman; Councilor Long-Curtiss absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Mays asked Councilor McGlothlin to lead the Pledge of Allegiance

Councilor McGlothlin asked the audience to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Miller and seconded by Brown to approve the agenda as submitted. The motion carried; Miller, Brown, McGlothlin, Runyon voting in favor; Long-Curtiss absent.

PRESENTATIONS PROCLAMATIONS

The Dalles High School Cheerleaders Recognition

Mayor Mays presented each of The Dalles High School Cheerleaders and coaches with Certificates of Recognition for their Second Place Award at the 2019 Coed Small Division State Championship.

Mays said promoting pride and recognizing achievement, especially in our children was important.

Mays introduced Coach Kelsey Sugg thanked the Mayor for inviting them. She said the recognition meant a lot to the team who had been working on the routine for nine months. She said she was very proud of everyone. She thanked her assistant coaches and volunteers for their dedication to the team.

Northern Wasco County Public Utility District Update

General Manager Roger Kline presented a PowerPoint Presentation (attached).

Kline thanked City Manager Julie Krueger for her support on infrastructure improvements.

Mayor Mays said he appreciated the efforts of the PUD regarding underground utilities.

Kline said it was a team effort. He said he appreciated his staff's support, and care for the community.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Josh Ferris, 220 West 13th said he had talked to a homeless lady at the food bank about her homelessness. He had hoped she would be able to attend the meeting. He encouraged the City to be involved with programs, not charity to help the homeless population. He suggested a vacancy tax (fine) for homes that are vacant for more than three months.

Ferris said he thought the Council members should be paid a stipend to work at least 30 hours per

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week on the homelessness issue. He said the state Governor's new rent control should be celebrated.

Summit Bohanan, 3120 Old Dufur Road said he recently returned to the community. He said he wanted to help wherever he could to help develop a strong connected community. He said the wellbeing of everyone is important.

Bohanan thanked the Council for their service to the community.

Eric Gleason, 704 Case Street, gave an update on the progress being made by the non-profit group – Friends of Waldron Drug Store – working to save the Githell/Waldron Drug Building.

He said the group had:

- Begun fundraising
- Given a number of presentations on History of Waldron Drug – more scheduled
- Working on a Restore Oregon Grant
- Commitments from volunteers – contractors, stone masons (donation of time/train others), other volunteers

Sandy Bisset, 1021 Irvine Street W, Board of Wasco County Courthouse non-profit, said in 1973 the courthouse was in the same place as the Waldron Drug building is today. She encouraged Council to give the Friends of the Waldron Drug Building an opportunity to save the building.

CITY MANAGER REPORT

City Manager Julie Krueger reported:

- ADA ramp update
 - March 22 preliminary plan complete
 - Technical Advisory Committee review – 30 day public comment period
 - June 10 to Council
- Wastewater Treatment Plant project awarded National American Council of Engineering, Excellence in Engineering Award
- Tourism Advisory Committee – clarified Council decided it was a Chamber Committee not a City Committee
- Mid-Columbia Council of Governments – final dissolution; City received \$133,897 as their portion

City Manager Krueger asked Airport Manager Chuck Covert to update Council on developments at the Airport.

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Covert said there were two possible projects before the Airport Board; Roseland Properties (who had worked on a golf course/housing project in the past) and KYDO. He said both feel they have the backing to move forward. He said he hoped to have a recommendation for the Council from the Airport Board at the April 8 meeting.

Covert said the Opportunity Zone had fired interest. He said many great things had happened at the Airport over the years.

City Manager Krueger said Northern Wasco County PUD had received a grant for Electric Vehicle charging stations and had approached the City about placing the station at Lewis and Clark Park. The PUD would pay for the station and installation and the City would pay cloud service and maintenance. She said the cost of charging a car is 40 cents per hour. Krueger said initially the City wouldn't charge for use.

Roger Kline, General Manager for NWC PUD said Mid-Columbia Medical Center and Columbia Gorge Community College were also speaking with the PUD.

Runyon asked if there was security at the park. City Manager Krueger said yes there were security cameras at the park and at the dock. He thanked the City Manager and the PUD for bringing this opportunity forward.

City Manager Krueger reported staff was working with Wasco County District Attorney regarding moving criminal cases to Wasco County. Wasco County was doing due diligence. She said she hoped to have a Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement ready for Council in April.

CITY ATTORNEY REPORT

City Attorney Gene Parker reported:

- Copy of Statement of Exception sent to BOLI regarding Tokola project. No deadline
- LUBA Appeal on 13th & Perkins – expect decision April 1
- Working with Chamber on Tourism/Marketing agreement
- State change in language for lodging tax for AirBnB's. State encouraging cities to use State to collect Transient Room Tax (TRT) fees
- Shilo previous owner 2 months delinquent from last year – promised check is in the mail
- New Shilo owner is paying TRT

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CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Brown said at the last meeting the Mayor said the City was “flush”. He said what citizens may not understand is the City has to provide sewer, water, wastewater, streets and police services. He said Dog River pipeline and streets need to be taken care of.

Mayor Mays said he had been referring to the current fiscal year. He said he could not consider the City “flush” with the current infrastructure needs.

Councilor Brown said he would like to see the City Manager, City Attorney, Municipal Court Judge annual reviews to be done as a team, instead of individually. He said he would like more of a conversation.

In response to a question, Human Resource Director Hunter said typically the evaluations go out to Council in May; Council gives him completed evaluations, he compiles them and sends to Council.

Mayor Mays suggested:

1. Individual forms
2. Executive session to discuss

Mayor Mays said he would meet with City Manager and Human Resources Director to decide on the process.

Miller said she liked the idea.

McGlothlin said a coherent, efficient evaluation process was important. He said he would like to use the individual form.

Councilor Runyon reported on attending:

- Local Government Academy – Airport very well done, thorough
- 3/6 League of Oregon Cities Budget Overview
- 3/7 LOC talks to Congress Series. Conference call to Congressman De Fazio
- 3/11 Mid Columbia Veterans Memorial Commission – Thank you Public Works Director Dave Anderson maintenance of flag pole at Veterans Services Office

Councilor Miller reported:

- Sister City Board Meeting – impressed with the new administration; reorganization of fundraising – Delegates fundraising separate from Organization fundraising
- Household Hazardous Waste meeting – recycling

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Councilor McGlothlin reported:

- Zombie Houses – Banks neglect; in favor of vacancy fines
- Waldron Drug Building – would like to preserve history
- Summit Bohanan – Thank you for stepping up and continuing to be involved
- Community Connection Event – Thank you Chief Ashmore and Food Bank Manager Sharon Thornberry

Mayor Mays reported:

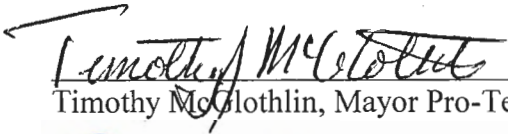
- Food Conference – 100 people in attendance
- Community Outreach Team trip to DC – March 24-28
- Thank you to City Clerk for creation of Certificates for the Cheerleaders and Coaches.

ADJOURNMENT


Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by/
Izetta Grossman, CMC
City Clerk

SIGNED:


Timothy McGlothlin, Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:


Izetta Grossman, CMC City Clerk



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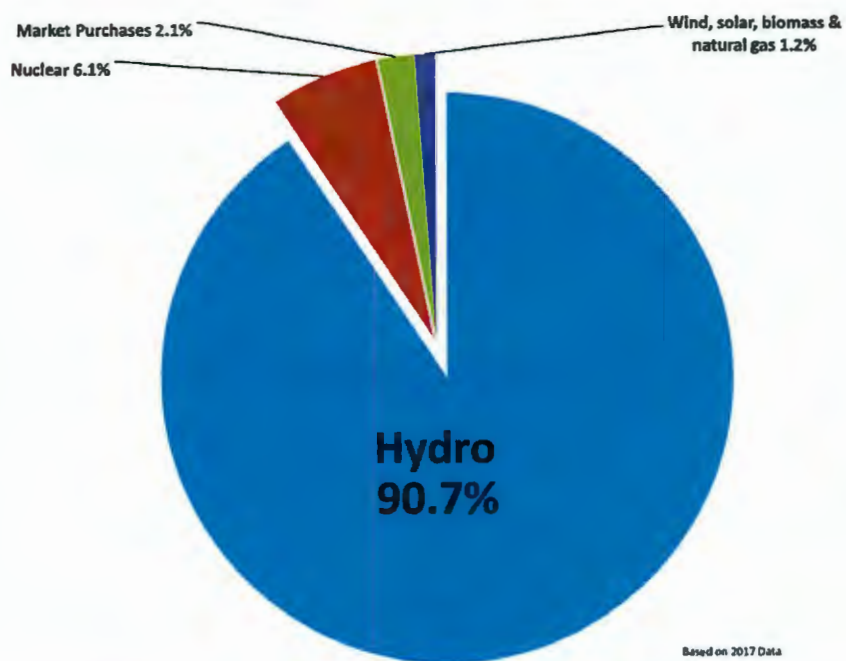
Roger M. Kline, General Manager



Who we are

- A community-owned public utility formed in 1939. First kilowatt delivered in 1949. Celebrating our 70th year of electric service!
- Five-member Board of Directors elected by customers.
- Your electricity is almost 100 percent renewable & carbon-free.

The fuel that powers our economy



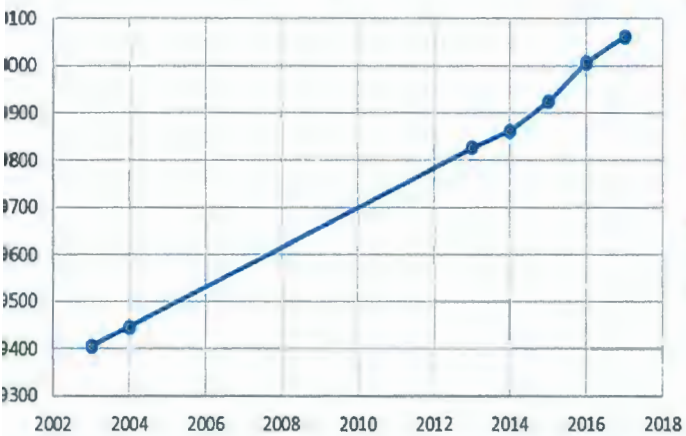
Electric
rates among
lowest in
Oregon

Residential Bill Comparison

Cost of 1,000 KWh

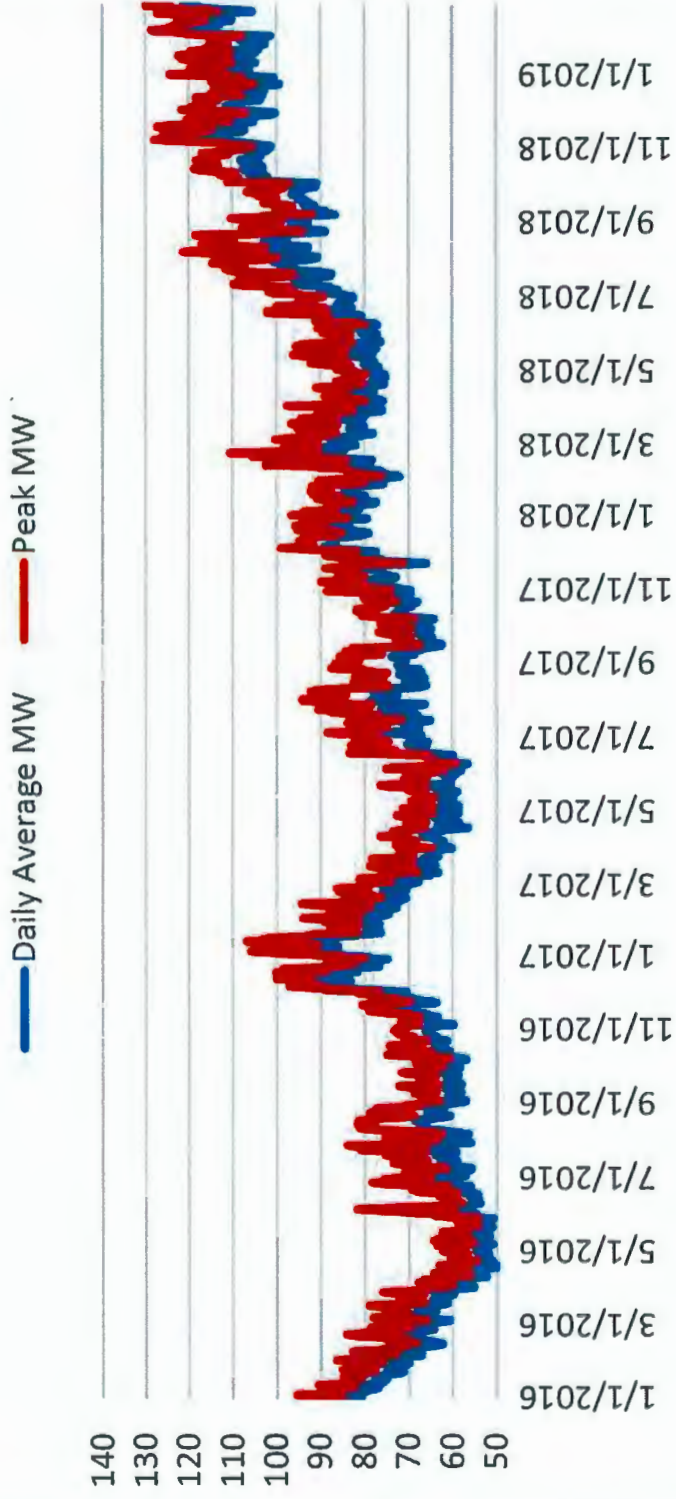


Total Customers



**Our community is
growing – and changing**

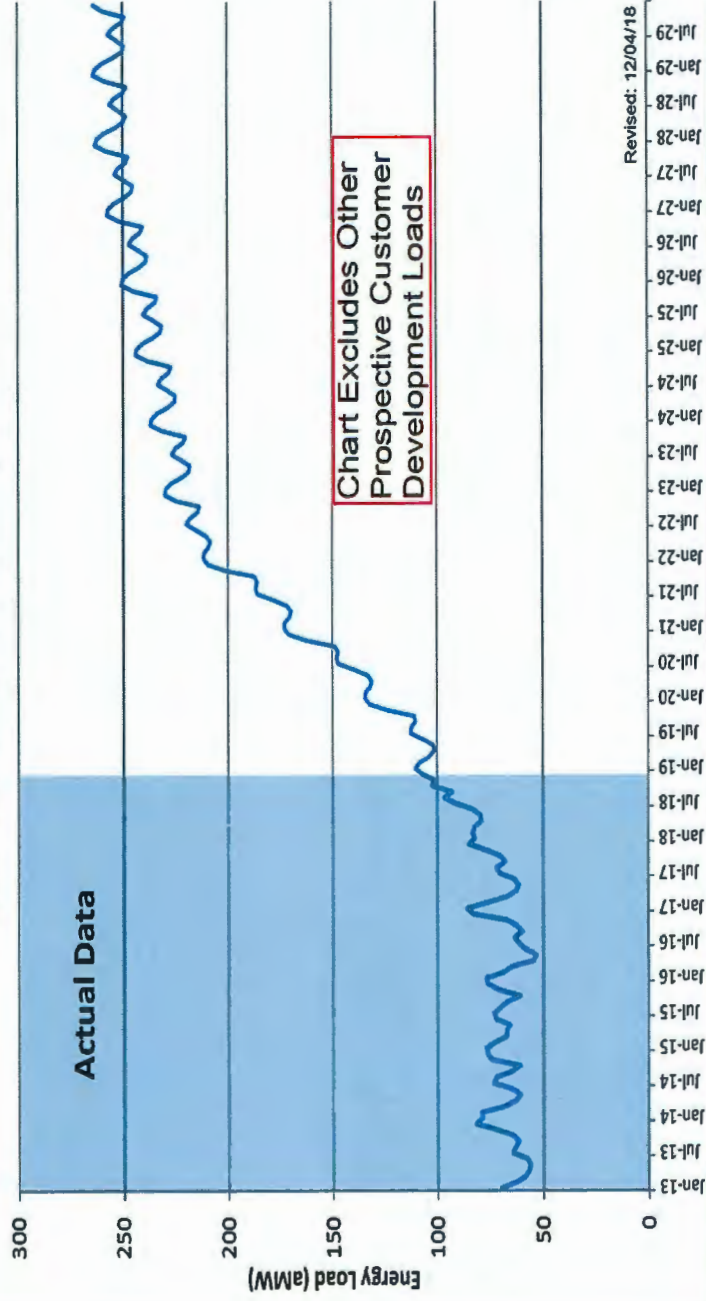
Peak MW & Daily Average MW



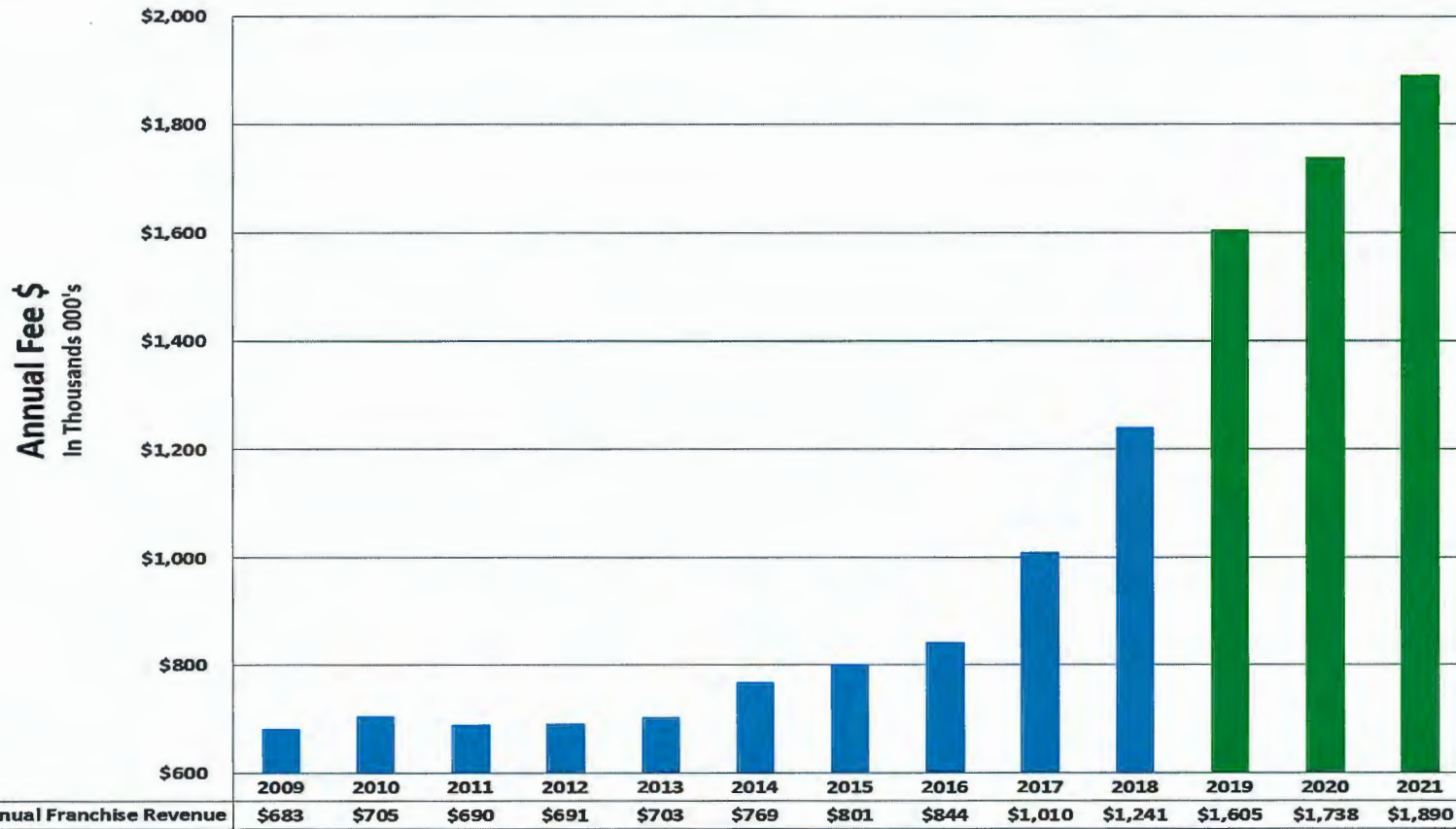
System Load Growth

System Load Forecast

Northern Wasco County PUD BP-20 Running Forecast

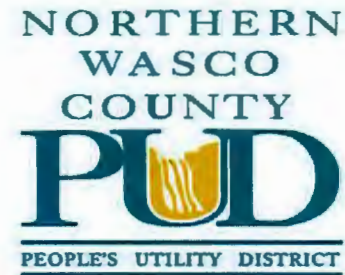


CITY OF THE DALLES FRANCHISE FEES



Mutual Benefit

Strategic Direction



STRATEGIC PLAN 2018-2028

Our Philosophy: We value our public power traditions, while seeking new and better ways to preserve the benefits of that heritage. We believe that with innovation, teamwork, and commitment, we can compete effectively in a changing environment.

Our Mission: Provide reliable, competitively-priced energy and related services that benefit our customers in the tradition of public power.

Core Values & Beliefs



Safety: Working safely and protecting the public, our employees, and the assets we manage is non-negotiable.

Integrity: Being ethical and holding ourselves accountable to conduct business in a fair, honest, open, compliant, and environmentally responsible manner is at the core of what we do.



Customer Service: Providing quality service at a competitive price while being responsive to our customer's needs creates added value and improves customer satisfaction.

Respect: Encouraging constructive dialogue that promotes a culture of inclusiveness, recognizes our differences, and accepts varying viewpoints will lead us to optimal solutions for even the most difficult challenges.

Operational Excellence: Engaging employees to strive for excellence and continuous improvement ensures that we provide reliable service while managing costs and creating a rewarding work environment.

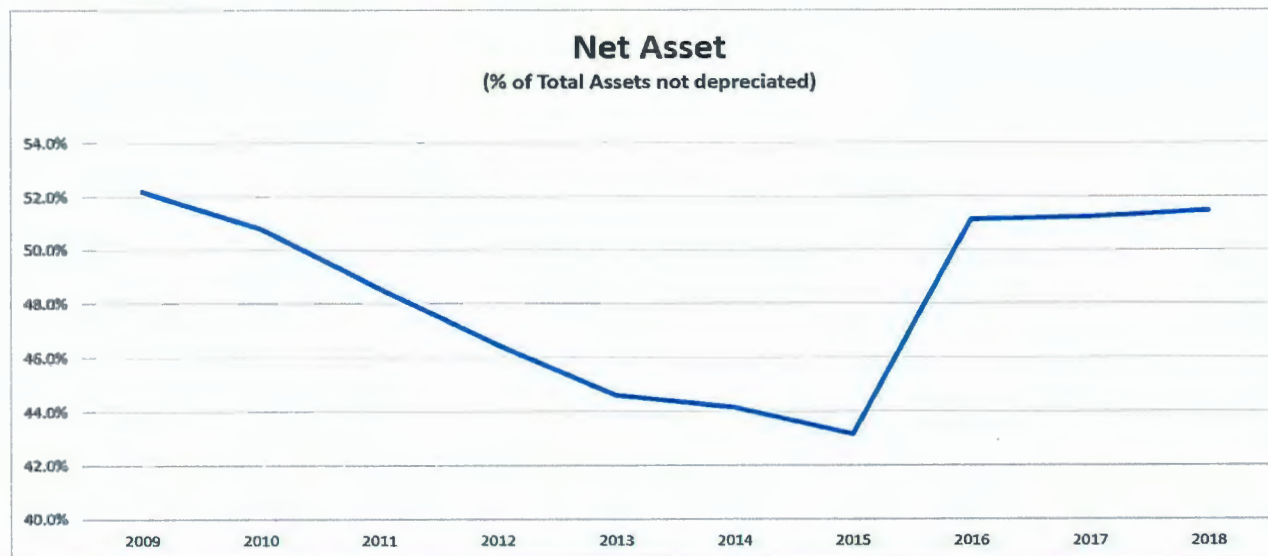
Sustainability: Maintaining financial integrity, minimizing our environmental impact, and supporting responsible economic development in our communities ensures the long-term viability of the organization and the communities we serve.

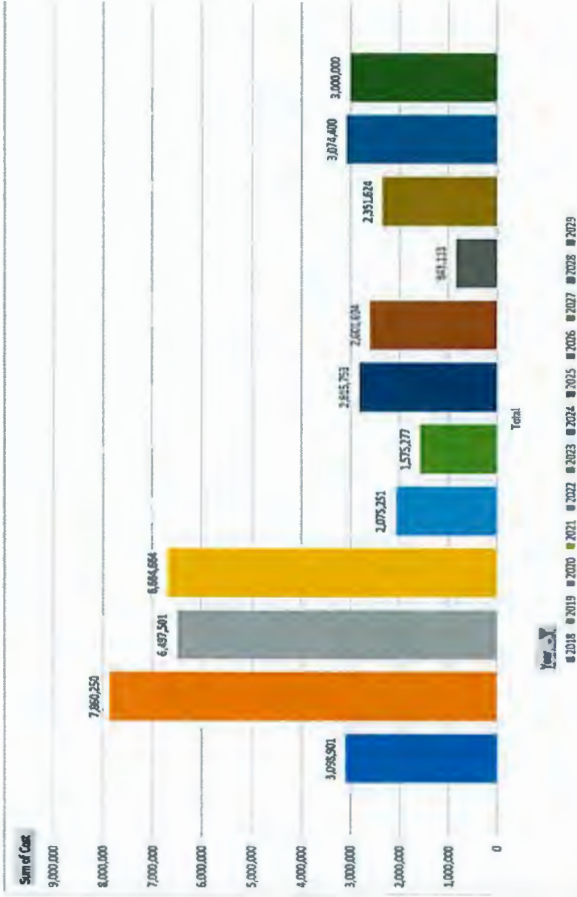
Values

Infrastructure Renewal

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total Assets \$	60,264,489	\$ 61,763,951	\$ 62,531,211	\$ 63,543,464	\$ 64,366,355	\$ 63,623,928	\$ 66,272,657	\$ 84,620,047	\$ 86,196,580	\$ 90,550,031
Net Assets \$	31,456,729	\$ 31,383,667	\$ 30,377,234	\$ 29,536,363	\$ 28,715,490	\$ 28,095,284	\$ 28,602,522	\$ 43,287,000	\$ 44,167,985	\$ 46,618,782
% Not Depreciated	52.2%	50.8%	48.6%	46.5%	44.6%	44.2%	43.2%	51.2%	51.2%	51.5%

NOTE: 2016 reflects an accounting correction to not net CIAC to Assets.



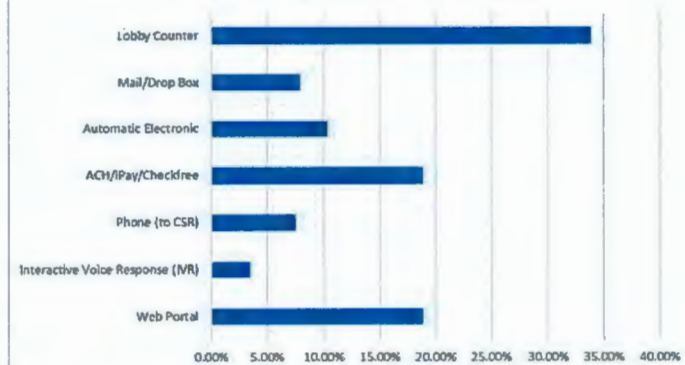


Community Investment

Expanded Offerings

- Enhanced billing, payroll and financial systems
- Improved online & telephonic bill pay & energy information options
- Expanded use of social media & outreach
- New conservation & energy efficiency programs

How payments are received, February 2019



Energy Efficiency Upgrade Programs (EEUP)



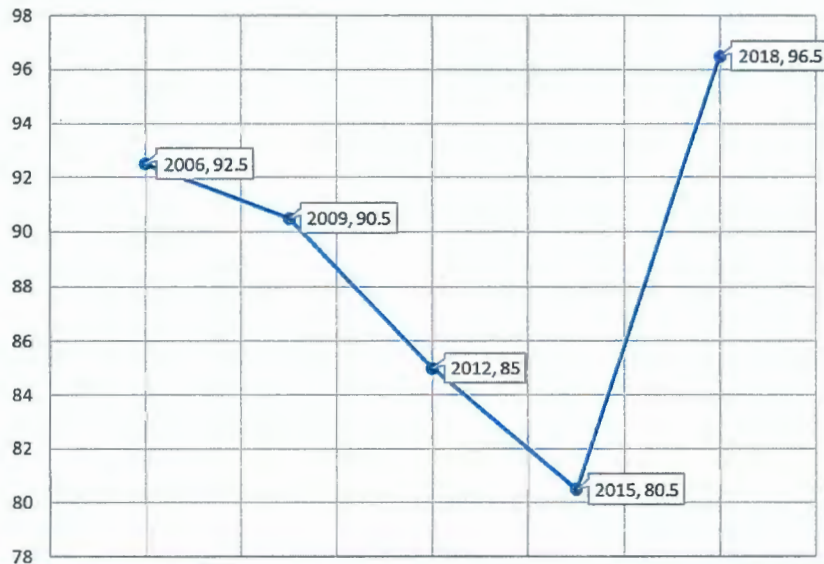


Advanced Meters

- Meter replacements and AMI Project launch
- Age of Meter Plant
- Accuracy of Meter Plant
- Recognition that Meter is point of contact for all interactions with NWCPUD (billing, outages, future technology opportunities)

Reliable Public Power Provider

RP3 Points Awarded By Year



What is the RP3 program?

RP3 is the regular operational check-up your utility needs in four critical areas.



Reliability

Show that you provide reliable day-to-day service. Collect and analyze reliability data, have a mutual aid agreement, put in place a system-wide disaster management plan, and ensure the proper cyber and physical security measures are in place.



Safety

Implement a safety culture that starts at the top and diffuses through all personnel and services. Benchmark safety metrics, focus on frontline workers, and implement rigorous safety training. Prove that you use an accepted safety manual and follow safe work practices throughout your utility.



Workforce Development

Offer staff training through workshops, college courses, and in-house programs. Give your team members opportunities to network with peers from across the nation and hear from experts. Encourage them to join state, regional, and national committees.



System Improvement

Demonstrate stewardship of utility assets to maintain system integrity. Initiate programs for system improvement and future proofing. Participate in research and development, implement system planning and improvement projects, and focus on long-term utility financial health.

Thank You!



Pay Your Bill



Energy Efficiency



Start Residential Service



Energy Assistance

Current Happenings at Northern Wasco County PUD