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THE HIDDEN IMPACT OF 100% CLEAN ENERGY LEGISLATION

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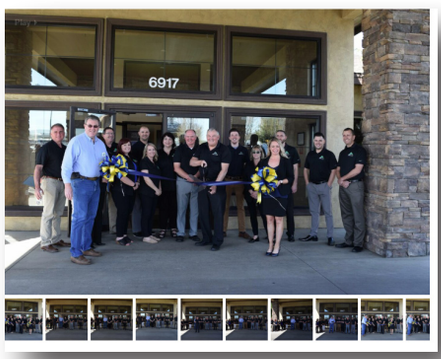
Washington State recently passed legislation (E2SSB 5116) requiring electric utilities to remove carbon-emitting generating resource from their portfolios with the goal of achieving a 100% clean electric sector by 2045. Thanks to a fuel mix of 82% hydro, 8% nuclear and 7% wind, Benton PUD's power supply is already 97% carbon free. In addition, purchases of renewable energy credits have positioned us well to meet the initial requirements of E2SSB 5116 as well as the 15% renewable energy standard required by the state Energy Independence Act (EIA).

However, E2SSB 5116 and EIA requirements only address overall annual energy and not the capacity needed to meet periods of highest electricity demand which can occur during extreme temperatures and periods of low wind and solar energy production. Like other utilities in the Pacific Northwest (PNW), Benton PUD's hydro-rich power supply delivers energy surpluses most months but can come up short during some peak consumption periods. These capacity shortages occur most often during hot summer months when hydro resources have dwindled, air conditioners are cranked up and large farms are pumping water for crops. Capacity deficits can also occur in winter months during extreme cold temperatures like the recent polar vortex we experienced this past February and March. For many years Benton PUD has counted on regional wholesale electricity markets to deliver enough incremental energy to fill in the capacity gaps that occur during a few months each year; but times are changing and we are concerned.

Long before passage of E2SSB 5116, plans were already in place to retire over 3,000 megawatts of coal-fired power plants in the PNW prior to 2025. While cleaner burning natural-gas was the assumed replacement, anti-fossil fuel sentiment and policy makers' faith in rapid technology advancements to overcome the variability and intermittency of wind and solar power have combined to stifle investments in new dependable capacity. Results of a study co-sponsored by Benton PUD indicate the PNW could need as much as 8,000 megawatts of new firm capacity by 2030 which does not include wind and solar power. While 100% clean by 2045 is the future goal, the time is now to begin planning for meeting electricity demands on the coldest and hottest days in the coming decade. Benton PUD is up for the challenge, but preserving the economic advantage of affordable and reliable electricity in the PNW will require timely and unprecedented collaborative actions by utilities.

DID YOU KNOW...

We post full photo galleries online after all of our ribbon cutting and ground breaking events. You can find the galleries at tricityregionalchamber.com/blog, along with our new Chamber Spotlight profiles!



CALENDAR

May 7

Meet the Chamber
3:30 - 5 pm
7130 W. Grandridge Blvd.
Kennewick, WA 99336
Bechtel Board Room
Free!

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Meet the Chamber is designed to be a guide to getting the most out of your membership. Attendees have the opportunity to promote their business while learning about Regional Chamber initiatives, programs and services to help them grow their business.

May 8

Ask the Experts: Can You Hear Me Now?
3:30 - 5 pm
7130 W. Grandridge Blvd.
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Tri-Cities Business & Visitor Center
Bechtel Board Room
$20/Members, $30/Guests, $99/All-Access 12 month pass

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Communication skills take a lifetime to master. In a professional setting, there are many things you can do to improve your communication skills to ensure you are able to send and receive information effectively. Register for May's Ask the Experts session to hear communication tips from Heather Boynton and Andrea Parrish and ask questions about why people may not be hearing you.

May 9

Business After Hours: A-One Refrigeration & Heating
4 - 6 pm
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May 22

May Membership Luncheon: State of Education - K-12 Update
11:30 am -12 pm | Networking
12 - 1:30 pm | Luncheon & Program
Red Lion Hotel & Conference Center Pasco
2525 N. 20th Ave.
Pasco, WA 99301
$25/Members
$35/Guests

Hear from the superintendents of the Kennewick, Pasco and Richland school districts at the Regional Chamber's State of Education membership luncheon. The trio will touch on the recent past and the amazing future of our K-12 schools.

May 23

Procurement Power Hour: HUBZones – Pros and Cons
8:30 - 9:30 am
7130 W. Grandridge Blvd.
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Are you a small business located in an area that is designated an "Historically Underutilized Business Zone" (HUBZone)? Are you interested in looking into becoming HUBZone Certified and learning the pros and cons of this certification? Information regarding this program, and how to apply for certification will be provided.

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SMALL BUSINESS INCENTIVE PROGRAM

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ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS STARTING JUNE 3!

The Small Business Incentive Program was established by the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce (TCRCC) in 2011 thanks to the generous support of Washington River Protection Solutions (WRPS). The Regional Chamber and WRPS have partnered again to offer this innovative program that helps strengthen small business in the Tri-Cities by providing grants to purchase key products or services!

A total of $30,000 will be awarded to member businesses who apply to the program and meet certain criteria. Eligible applicants are awarded grants of up to $2,000 that can be used towards the purchase of new computers and technology, trainings, staff development and more.

The application period will open on June 3 and run through July 26 with final decisions being announced no later than August 31, 2019. Go to tricityregionalchamber.com for more information.

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Has your business moved, expanded, or remodeled? Schedule a ribbon cutting ceremony today! Contact Marie Taylor at 491.3241 or marie.taylor@tricityregionalchamber.com. Join us at a ribbon cutting ceremony anytime! It is a great way to celebrate fellow members and network. Visit the event calendar on our website to view the schedule of all ceremonies and Regional Chamber events.

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COLLABORATIVE EFFORT TO IMPROVE LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Since September 2018, Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) has engaged thousands of community members and 17 local partner organizations, including the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, to identify strategies and solutions to improve safety and mobility along the SR 240 corridor.

As a key route through the region, SR 240 from SR 225 to I-82 currently experiences delays and congestion. With the population of the Tri-Cities projected to reach over 300,000 before 2020, the problem will only worsen if not addressed. Using $5 million from the Connecting Washington Transportation Funding Package, solution implementation will begin in 2020.

Through community collaboration, several solutions and strategies have emerged:

- Adding capacity where it will make the most difference
- Improving traffic flow at select intersections
- Improving the bicycle and pedestrian network
- Improving lane configuration

Analysis results were shared at a community open house last month. Over 160 people attended and provided feedback to help prioritize solutions. For more information on the SR 240, Richland Corridor Improvements, visit the study webpage at: www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/sr240/richland-corridor/home.

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