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Level Out Your Utility Bill

Even though winter's icy blast has eased--at least for the moment, customers of Pacific Power may continue to see higher than normal utility bills.

The higher bills are a result of February's extended period of freezing temperatures throughout the region.

"Anytime we have several days of below freezing temper-

atures, customers see an increase in their bill," said Pacific Power Manager Carl Talton.

Customers can level out the monthly electric bill by considering the company's Equal Payment Plan, which averages the cost over 12 equal installments.

"The program includes a built-in review every six months, al-

lowing both the customer and Pacific an opportunity to be certain the average payment is within reasonable limits," Talton said.

The review includes adjustments in the monthly payment as necessary - allowing for changes in temperature, or weatherization of the home, which will add to efficiency.

Landlords, Tenants Can Save Energy Costs

Pacific Power is nearing the end of a free Energy Savings Program multi-family property owners.

The free services are helping Pacific Power customers manage their water and energy bills and make their apartments more livable.

The project helps tenants, who will have lower energy bills and more comfortable apartments,

and property owners, who will have apartments with features that help them attract and retain tenants.

Pacific Power will conduct an energy audit to determine which conservation measures need to be installed.

They could include kitchen and bathroom faucet aerators, pipe and ceiling insulation, energy saving shower heads, and energy

efficient compact fluorescent light bulbs.

Pacific Power defines multi-family as three or more residential units, clustered together with common walls.

Before time runs out, property owners, managers or tenants should call Pacific Power's contractor, EBCON, at 1-800-253-6225, for information or for an appointment.

Training Program Helps Landlords Act Against Drug Houses

The Planning & Support Division of the Portland Police Bureau will open a new series of the Landlord Training Program; three training sessions will be held in Portland.

1) Friday, March 22, 1996, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the David Douglas High School Cafetorium, 1001 SE 135th (between Stark and Division).

2) Thursday, March 28, 1996, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Portland Building, 1120 SW 5th.

3) Saturday, April 6, 1996, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at the Providence Medical Center Amphitheater, 4805 NE Gilsan Street.

Over 7,000 landlords and property managers have taken the course in Portland since it began in 1989.

Reactions are consistently strong and positive: landlords and managers overwhelmingly agree the training increased their confidence in

screening rental applicants and their ability to recognize warning signs of drug activity.

The program was developed for the Portland Police Bureau by John H. Campbell of Campbell DeLong Resources, Inc. This program has now been replicated in many jurisdictions across the country.

The trainings are open to the public, property owners and managers from all areas of town are encouraged to attend.

Space is limited, so advance registration is requested. Last day to register is March 11, 1996. Cost is \$10 per person, including one manual, or \$15 per couple including one manual.

For a registration packet, please call the Planning & Support Division at 823-0189. People with disabilities who need accommodation may call 823-0283 (voice) or 823-4736 (TDD)

Neighborhood Seeks Restoration Of Status

On March 6 at 7:00 p.m. at the Columbia Cottage (Lombard and Russet) neighbors in the Portsmouth area weighed the advantages of organizing a new neighborhood association.

The Portsmouth area has been without representation as part of the City of Portland's neighborhood program since January of this year.

The City withdrew recognition from previous neighborhood association after members of that group voted to stop the association from conducting business.

Since that time neighbors in the Portsmouth area, bounded by N. Lombard, N. Chataqua, N. Columbia, and the railroad cut, have come together to consider forming a new neighborhood association that will be

inclusive, representative and positive community support.

In an effort to promote involvement, flyers announcing the loss of

recognition.

Oregon Department Of Transportation Region 1 Flood Damage Repair Projects

Multnomah, Clackamas, Washington, Columbia and Hood River counties

Proposals will be received for flood damage repair projects with various dates throughout the above reference counties in the State of Oregon by the Oregon Department of Transportation.

On State projects no bid for a construction contract will be considered by the public contracting agency unless the successful bidder is registered with the Construction Contractors Board or licensed by the State Landscape Contractors Board as required by ORS 671.530.

The Contract documents, including specifications, Instructions to Bidders, Federal Provisions and Bid Forms may be obtained and viewed at:

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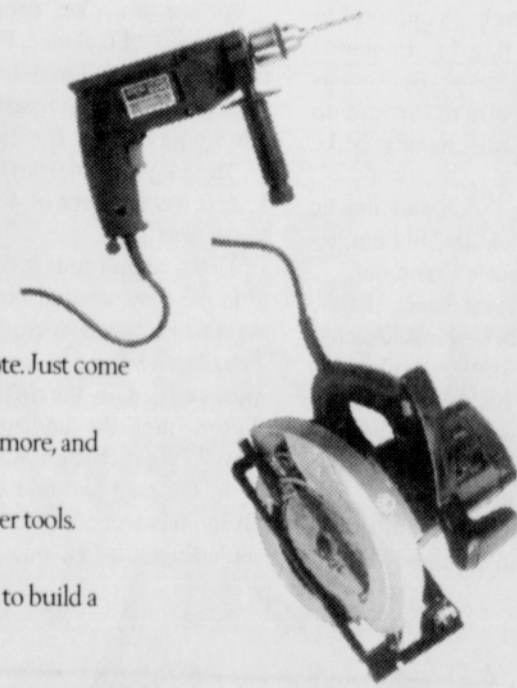
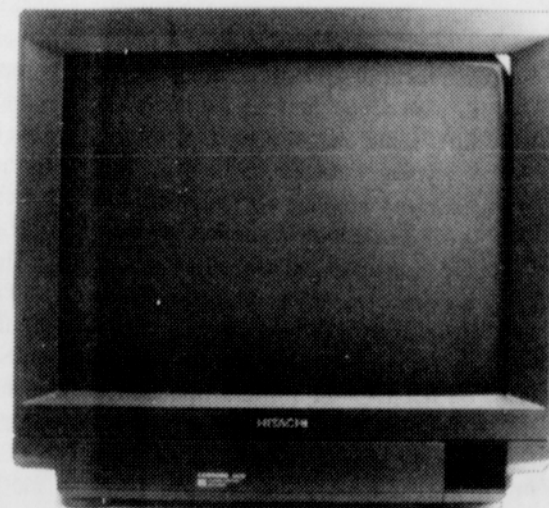
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