

Warm Springs sells future Indian power to PP&L

A history-making event for the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes took place at Kah-Nee-Ta May 19 when a power sales contract was signed with Pacific Power & Light Company. The Confederated Tribes and the power company agreed on a long-term power sales contract in which power from the new hydroelectric project at the reregulating dam on the Deschutes will flow into the Pacific Power system.

The contract was signed by senior vice-president for Pacific Power & Light Company Bob Moench and by Delbert Frank Sr. and Ralph Minnick representing the Tribes. A luncheon followed for the 24 people who attended the ceremony.

Prior to the signing, Tribal Council, tribal lawyers and branch managers met and approved the agreement. At that time Tribal Council also authorized formation of a separate enterprise entitled the Warm Springs Tribal Power Enterprises. Members of Tribal Council are the immediate members of the power board with Delbert Frank as chairman and Ralph Minnick as secretary. The Tribal Council, acting as the power board, also approved the contract.

The \$30 million generating project, the first federally licensed power plant developed by an Indian tribe, is



SIGNATURES REQUIRED—A long awaited moment came when the contract between Pacific Power and Light Company and the Warm Springs Confederated Tribes was signed. The contract required signatures from Tribal Council chairman Delbert Frank and acting general manager Ralph Minnick. Senior vice-president of PP&L Bob Moench represented the power company.

scheduled for completion by July 1982. Pacific Power will purchase the net output of the project which could be as much as 120 million kilowatt-hours per year.

The original Pelton Dam project was built in the late 1950s by Portland General

Electric Company, half on tribal land. The right to build a plant at the reregulating dam was reserved by the tribes at that time.

The hydroelectric project including a powerhouse and a 19,600 kilowatt turbine generator will be added to the

existing re-regulating dam below Pelton Dam. It is located adjacent to the Pacific Power service area.

A three mile section of 69,000-volt transmission line will be built to connect the new powerhouse with Pacific Power's electric system at the

existing Warm Springs substation.

The power purchased by Pacific Power is another in a series of agreements being negotiated between the company and small-scale power producers using renewable resources such as water and wind power.

These power purchases are being made under terms of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) of 1978. The PURPA regulations provide for a utility to purchase power based upon the utility's so-called avoided costs—the price the utility would likely have to pay for power from its next generating plant or another source.

the tribe Moench emphasized that energy was going in the direction of independently-owned power plants with concern for available renewable resources.

Nelson Wallulatum commented, "We gave up so much, but with our remaining 10 million acres we have squeezed everything we could out of these little resources." He mentioned too, "We are looking now at wind power and geo-thermal energy," and with humor in his voice said, "but no Trojans."

Tribal Council chairman Delbert Frank, Sr. also commented after the contract signatures were affixed, "I feel real good about this."

COCC salmon bake, powwow May 30

The Tenth Annual Salmon Bake and Powwow sponsored by the Central Oregon Community College Native American Club is set for Saturday, May 30, from noon to 6 p.m. in the COCC gymnasium.

A noon meal of baked salmon, potatoes, corn, fried bread and beverage costs \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children 12-and-under, according to club president Michelle Philips.

At 2 p.m. native dance competition will be held in six categories: boys and girls 12-and-under, men's and women's fancy and men's and women's traditional. Trophies will be awarded to winners.

The public will be encouraged to join in group dancing of the Owl, Rabbit, Skip and Round dances.

A raffle of hand-made items including a chess set and leather goods will also be an attraction.

Tribal Education Committee to host dinner June 2

The Tribal Education Committee is hosting a dinner to honor all the students who have completed their course of study. The dinner will be held on Tuesday June 2, 6:30 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Janice White Clemmer of Brigham Young University. Dr. Clemmer is an enrolled tribal member of Warm Springs, and the first tribal member to receive two PHD's.

According to Mr. Marlin Riemer, the dinner is a chance for the community to honor all students who have completed their study and this includes students from colleges, high school, G.E.D., and vocational schools.

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TOTALLY UNFORGIVABLE

Passing loggers found three slain doe in the Tenino area about two weeks ago. Upon further investigation, Oliver Kirk and Terry Luther discovered that two of the doe were pregnant, one with triplets and the other with twins. None of the deer were butchered for meat, they were just shot and left there. Although no official deer herd counts have been made on the reservation, this type of out-of-season, senseless killing must certainly not be doing the reservation herds any good. The assailants killed eight deer with three murderous bullets.

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