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New Rates Submitted For Approval

Acting Bonneville Administrator F. A. Banks this week made public additional power rates he has submitted for Federal Power Commission approval, designed to permit districts, cities, utilities and industries to buy power to meet their month to month needs. For the past week the Commission has been studying these schedules for "monthly" and "dump" power, which are intended to encourage early utilization of all power available at Bonneville Dam.

Most important of the suggested rates is a schedule which permits purchase of power upon a monthly basis, at a cost of 1/4c per kilowatt hour, plus a demand charge of 75c per month per kilowatt. Minimum charge for this service would be 75c per kilowatt of contract demand. The schedule, Administrator Banks said, is designed particularly to meet the requirements of smaller districts, cities and utilities which are likely to operate at a low load factor for the first few years. The proposed rate also will be helpful to purchasers now owning their own generating facilities and desiring firm power to meet their peak requirements.

Small Users Benefit

The new schedule—known as F-1—will supplement the existing rates for firm power of \$17.50 per kilowatt-year along the transmission lines and \$14.50 per kilowatt-year at the damsite, both of which will continue in effect. The 1/4c rate will be cheaper than kilowatt-year rates for purchasers whose "load factor" is less than 40%—that is, electric systems which keep the power in use less than 40% of the time. When use of transmission line power reaches 40% load factor, "kilowatt-year" rates will be cheaper.

To make full use of seasonal power available at Bonneville Dam, Administrator Banks has submitted for approval of the Commission a "dump" energy rate of 1/4c per kilowatt-hour.

"Dump" power, which would be especially useful to industries that can expand their operations when this cheap energy is available, will be sold both at the damsite and along the transmission lines. It also will be available to all public and private systems, except where the administrator is convinced that if this type of power were sold to an applicant, public inconvenience would result during periods in which its supply must be curtailed.

The proposed new rates, Administrator Banks believes, will be more suitable than the previous secondary power schedules which they will replace.

"Kilowatt-Year" Stays

Existing "kilowatt-year" schedules for prime power will be continued. Several minor changes will be made to facilitate use of these annual schedules. Power at the damsite rate of \$14.50 per kilowatt-year will be available not only to industries, but to public or private distribution systems whose principal load is consumed within 15 miles of the dam. Banks pointed out that this new provision would be particularly beneficial to the municipal system of Cascade Locks and to Skamania County P. U. D.

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HIGH MARK REACHED

Wednesday the temperature reached its highest point for this summer on the recording thermometer at the dam. Ninety-eight degrees was the figure reached. Other temperatures are shown in the chart on this page.

The Moving Salmon

Date	Chinook	Steelhead	Bluebacks	Temp.
July 21	232	1152	548	91
July 22	353	1106	717	
July 23	443	1497	477	95
July 24	462	1384	415	82
July 25	321	1227	385	90
July 26	518	1474	360	96
July 27	1173	2324	393	94
July 28	777	2800	329	91
July 29	793	2745	258	
July 30	855	3857	201	80
July 31	625	2900	112	77
Aug. 1	317	1568	95	90
Aug. 2	424	2314	106	98

TO BUILD NEW WHARF

The new wharf recently placed near the mouth of Eagle Creek for swimmers to use and for boats to land their passengers has proved so popular and receives such heavy use that Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger has been authorized to replace the present wharf with a larger one. The wharf now in use will be moved across the water to the opposite shore in order that swimmers when swimming across stream can have a place to rest before returning.

Tanner Creek By-pass Now Completed

Wednesday afternoon water was run through the newly completed Tanner Creek By-pass and the \$107,000 contract held by the Barham Bros. of Salem for the construction of the fish ladder and the bridge over the Bradford Island fish ladder was nearing completion.

The new canal and ladders which completes present plans for ladders and other units for the handling of the fish over the Bonneville Dam, is mainly for the fingerlings coming down the river and the trout and small fish going up the river.

The upstream end of this by-pass is just above the east end of the locks. It extends through the center of the reservation and empties into Tanner Creek.

Bulk Wheat Carrier Hauls First Shipment

WALLA WALLA, Aug. 1.—Inaugural shipment of bulk wheat from the inland Empire to Portland in the first vessel constructed exclusively for the wheat was made from Port Kelly, 40 miles west of here, Sunday afternoon when the Walla Walla Grain Growers cooperative sent 18,000 bushels from this valley down the Columbia under tow of the new tug Defiance of the Tidewater Transportation company.

About 18 hours were required for the first of regular trips to Portland in the new all-wheat barge each of four or five days. The all-steel vessel, having a capacity of more than 20,000 bushels, was launched Saturday night at near-by Attalia, where it was constructed for the Tidewater company and is the sixth in a fleet of steel barges. It measures 130x35 feet and draws about 5 feet 6 inches of water when loaded.

Three days will be required for the journey to Portland and return and about three hours' loading time was required Sunday to fill the four corner hatches. A. Eugene Kelley, manager of the Grain Growers and several workers who constructed the barge, accompanied the new vessel, an empty gasoline barge and the Defiance.

Before leaving Kelley said "We are already purchased up to the limit of our ability to move wheat during August and are starting to get wheat now for September delivery."

One truck, which hauls a 20-ton load to the riverside, is moving the wheat from the Grain Growers' county elevators at Spofford, Baker-Langdon, Walla Walla and Sapolilo on a day-and-night schedule.

The second shipment will be the first made from the new Clarence Braden elevator at Port Kelley, where about 15,000 bushels are expected to be loaded.

The barge arrived at municipal Terminal No. 4 Monday night for delivery to the North Pacific Grain Growers association.

A clam shell bucket is being used for unloading.

Events For I.O.O.F. Picnic

GOV'T GROUNDS, CASCADE LOCKS, ORE.

AUG. 13, 1939

Program Starts at 10 a. m.

Children's Races and Games

Boys' Races, Ages 6 to 10, 10 to 16

Girls' Races, Ages 6 to 10, 10 to 13, 14 to 16

Fathers vs. Sons Softball Game

Mothers vs. Daughters Water-Carrying Race

Softball Game, Hood River Picnic Assn. vs. Portland

Tug of War

Horseshoe Pitching

Man and Wife Race

Fat Men's Race

Fat Women's Race

Barefoot and Shoe Race

Baseball Accuracy Throwing, Men and Women

Potato Race

Prizes and Fun

Difference in Bonneville Bills To Be Fixed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—Though bills amending the Bonneville act, one by Senator McNary and one by Representative Pierce, have passed each branch of congress, they are under different numbers and not enough alike to substitute one for the other.

If more nearly identical the substitution could be accomplished and the measure could be sent to conference for adjustment of the differences. Representative Pierce has gone to work to straighten out the parliamentary procedure, but is doubtful as to success within the short time before adjournment.

The bills are alike with regard to establishing the Bonneville administration as an office of the interior department under explicit direction of Secretary Ickes. The Pierce bill, however, fixes the salaries of assistant administrator, chief engineer and chief counsel at \$7500, while the McNary bill provides \$8000.

The other chief difference is that the Pierce bill would extend the time for reservation of 50 per cent of the power for municipalities and power districts for one year, that is, until January 1, 1942. The McNary bill contains no corresponding provision.

Parliamentary differences were hurdled with respect to the McNary-Pierce bills providing for distribution of the Klamath judgment fund. These bills were practically identical and upon motion of Senator Holman the Pierce bill was substituted by the senate, which sends it to the White House for approval.

Eugene Eyes New Bonneville Rates

EUGENE, July 28.—Possibilities of Bonneville power for Eugene are still in the balance, it was stated Friday by J. W. McArthur, superintendent of the local municipal electric plant, after receiving information that a "small-town" rate had been proposed by Frank A. Banks, acting administrator of the dam.

The rate would permit purchase of power on a monthly basis for 1/4 cent per kilowatt hour, plus a flat charge of 75 cents per kilowatt. (The first charge is made for current actually used and the second for demand.)

"Much depends upon the supplemental arrangements in a contract for power," Mr. McArthur indicated. "We had hoped, however, that the demand charge per kilowatt would be less."

OLD-TIMERS GATHER

The Annual Old Timers of Cascade Locks Picnic will be held at the Locks Grounds this coming Sunday, the first Sunday of August, as it has been for the past years. Speeches and a program have been arranged for the occasion.

HIGHWAY BIDS RECEIVED

The E. C. Hall Company of Eugene, with a bid of \$47,755, was low bidder on construction of 0.69 mile grading and bituminous macadam surfacing on the Warren Creek section of the Columbia River Highway, the Oregon State Highway Commission announced Thursday. On construction of the east unit, of the Troutdale-Corbett section and Bridal Veil-Benson Park section of the same highway, including 4.13 miles of clearing, 0.6 mile grading, and 1.95 miles rock toe embankment construction, Morrison Knudsen Co., of Boise, was low bidder, with \$89,930. Eleven construction firms submitted bids on this project.

Hood River Valley P.U.D. Created

SALEM, Aug. 1.—The state hydroelectric commission Tuesday issued a proclamation creating the Hood River county people's utility district, embracing virtually all of the territory within the Hood River valley with the exception of the city of Hood River.

At a recent special election held in Hood River county the rural territory voted for creation of the people's utility project, while the city of Hood River voted against. The majority vote was favorable to the district.

Valuation Reduced

In eliminating the city of Hood River from the district the assessed valuation is reduced from \$8,699,293 to \$6,262,125.

Directors of the new district certified by the hydroelectric commission included A. C. Johnsen, Mrs. William Monroe, Ralph W. Perry, James R. Forde and Norval Shurtliff.

New District Authorized

The law provides that in cases where certain parts of a proposed people's utility district vote against organization the hydroelectric commission may create a district of that territory which voted favorably.

This can be done only when the vote covering the entire project favors creation of the district.

BIG ASH TRAYS BUILT

Along Eagle Creek trail at all rest benches where smoking is permitted small empty one-pound coffee cans painted red have been nailed to the benches. A Forest Service shield has been stamped on the outside of the can facing the trail. The red color of the can causes the smoker to realize the fire hazard and he places matches, and cigarette stubs inside the can instead of throwing them away.

Steelheads Lead Passing Bonneville

Three times more Steelheads are gliding over Bonneville dam than all other species of edible fish combined, according to the latest fish Oregon fish commission.

On July 28, the total number of migration statistics furnished by Steelheads checked over the dam reached the season's record of 2800. There were 777 Chinooks and 329 Bluebacks. During the entire week beginning July 22 Steelhead migration led all other species, although there was a distinct mid-week spurt of Chinooks, probably the "leftovers" of a run reported a week earlier in Astoria.

Bluebacks are running light, but steadily.

The Dalles Bridge Deadline Extended

WASHINGTON, July 31.—The house approved and sent to the senate Monday a bill extending the time for completing a bridge across the Columbia river near The Dalles for two years from March 4, 1940. No further construction would be permitted until plans are again authorized by the war department.

EASTERN SCOUTS AT EAGLE CREEK

Boy Scouts from Troop 24 of the National Capital Area, Washington, D. C., camped at Eagle Creek Forest Camp. The Scoutmaster in charge of the group, John D. Chandler, stated they are traveling 15,000 miles in 76 days and visiting 33 States and Canada.

TO BUILD OIL WAREHOUSE

Materials for the construction of a new gas and oil house have been ordered for the Columbia Gorge Ranger Station. Work on the building will begin within 10 days. The construction will be similar to the present large warehouse.

MANY SWIM IN BAY

Approximately 200 people have been taking advantage daily of the swimming facilities in the bay at Columbia Gorge Ranger Station during the hot weather.

I.O.O.F. Picnic To Be Held Here Sunday

Sunday, August 13, beginning at 10 a. m. is the time for the annual Hood River County Odd Fellow Association Picnic to be held this year on the old Locks grounds at Cascade Locks.

Baseball games, contests for the family together with free coffee, ice cream and milk for the children, will be on the bill of fare. The picnic is staged each year by the three Odd Fellow Lodges of the county, Idlewild of Hood River, Kemp of Odell, Cascade of Cascade Locks, and the Eden Encampment.

In previous years this annual affair has been held in the upper Hood River valley but this year it was decided to have it under the spreading trees on the old reservation. All the Lodges of the Gorge have been invited and it is expected that there will be quite a number of outsiders present.

Seventeen prizes have already been donated as this issue goes to press and the picnic is 10 days off so that it is expected that there will be contests going all day long in order to be able to distribute the prizes. The great majority of these have been donated by Cascade Locks business men.

Cigarette Starts Fire

A carelessly discarded cigarette was the cause of a brush fire along the Multnomah Falls trail last Wednesday night.

The fire was first noticed blazing on the steep side hill near Multnomah Falls by Albert Stromkiat, Ray Slenning, Clinton Wride all employed at the Multnomah Falls Lodge. They left at once for the fire taking with them some gunny sacks and by midnight thought they had the fire out. It was burning in rotten wood and the next morning was noticed smoking up again. The Forest Service was not notified regarding the fire until Thursday morning at 8:15 a. m. when Columbia Gorge Ranger Station received a telephone report of the fire from an employee of Multnomah Falls Lodge.

Charles Sigl, Columbia River Fire Patrolman left at once for the fire taking with him 20 CCC Boys. The fire was trimmed and under control by 9 a. m. A patrol was left on the fire for the rest of the day.

HEAT SCARES TOURISTS

A decided slump in tourist registrations was noted at the Hood River Chamber of Commerce during the hot spell last week. Only about one-third of the usual number of tourists stopped for out-of-state certificates, Elsie Rogers, Chamber secretary, reported. It is assumed that tourists either stopped traveling during those hot days or traveled to cooler regions in mountains or on seashore.

TWO AT GRANGE PICNIC

Many hundred and forty-three members of Hood River and Wasco County Pomona Granges held their picnic on the Eagle Creek Picnic Grounds Sunday, July 30. A special table had been reserved for the group and a large American flag hung over the table. The group appreciated very much the work the forest service is doing in the Columbia Gorge area along recreational lines.

FIRE EXTINGUISHED

A small fire, near the east end of the Mitchell Point tunnel, on Friday, July 21, was rapidly brought under control by Forest Service Firemen and 25 CCC enrollees. The fire apparently was started by some carelessly person throwing away burning material.

NOTICE

To all electric light consumers formerly purchasing power from the West Coast Power Company:

The City of Cascade Locks has acquired the property and accounts of the West Coast Power Company and henceforth all electric bills are payable at the City Hall in Cascade Locks.

G. E. MANCHESTER, Mayor.