

Power of the People

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have affected many utilities, which sell surplus power into a depressed market. "There were instances in which a utility cited the loss of customers' load and depressed revenues as a factor in a recent rate hike," the report said.

Resource additions, notably natural gas-fired and wind plants, "have increased utility costs and put significant pressure on rates," according to PNUCC. So have upgrades to transmission, distribution and resource infrastructures. In addition, the report said, "Government regulations and policy-driven mandates are driving up costs for many utilities." It mentioned Washington's renewables/conservation standard (Initiative 937) as a rate-increase factor for several Evergreen State Utilities. Dam-licensing requirements, emission controls at coal fired plants, and "more rigorous federal reliability regulations" are also mentioned.

The study also said utility energy-efficiency programs have helped many customers

maintain stable electric bills in the midst of rising rates, but also that those programs incur direct costs, and subsequent rate impacts, for utilities. Bob Jenks, executive director of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, said utility retail rate increases are to an extent "counterintuitive," given falling prices of natural gas and wholesale power. He said capital investments in wind, transmission, and emissions controls are a large driver of utility rate increases. Policies contribute to the increases as well, he said, adding that RPSs push up near-term costs and rates because new renewables require a lot of upfront capital, but those investments "will become much cheaper" over time given their lack of fuel costs. Regulatory policy has allowed utilities to "over-invest in renewables that are not needed, or not needed for years in the future, under a liberal interpretation of the 'used and useful' and prudence standards," which in at least one case contributed to a rate increase.

Between the Bookends

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by John Grisham, *The Witness* by Nora Roberts, *The Bone Bed* by Patricia Cornwell, *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich, and *The Secret Keeper* by Kate Morton.

Be sure and check out the newest selection of books for young adults and remember that the beginning time for the Tuesday after-school program has changed to 3:45, to accommodate the additional time needed for youngsters to get

here from the new school. A Lego Club is a new activity that will be taking place on the second and fourth Thursdays at 3:45. Youngsters of the community are encouraged to attend these programs, as well as the preschool story time on Monday mornings at 10:30.

Adult activities in November will include book discussion on Monday, November 26 at 5:30, and movie night on Thursday, November 29 at 6:30

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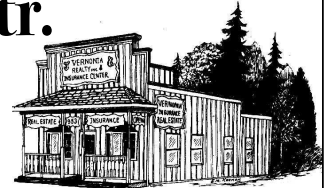
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