

## Celebrating 75



In 2024, we are excited to celebrate our 75th anniversary of bringing light and power to Snohomish County and Camano Island.

We are proud to have been a public power leader in the Northwest and the country, and over the next nine months we will share that history with you as we approach our birthday on Sept. 1.

There have been many ups and a few downs, but a constant has been our desire to serve our customers with affordable, reliable, environmentally sustainable and safe power. It has been our honor to serve you.

### The Early Days...

*The origins of public power in Snohomish County and Camano Island*

Created by a vote of the people on Nov. 3, 1936, Snohomish County Public Utility District No. 1 didn't begin operation as an electric utility until Sept. 1, 1949. The vote was part of the growing public-power movement in the Pacific Northwest, which is still benefitting us today!

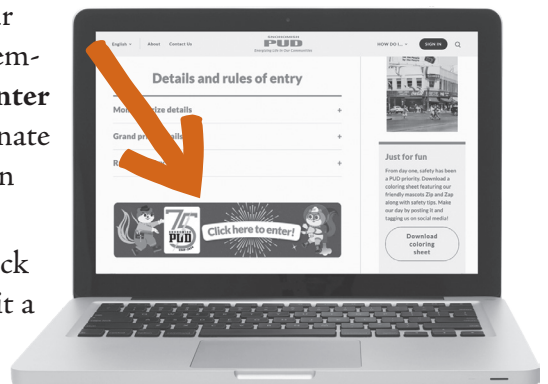
The PUD began operations as a water utility in the Lake Stevens area in 1946. Three years later, the PUD purchased the electrical distribution system for Snohomish County and Camano Island from Puget Sound Power & Light Company. The price? \$16 million, which was raised through the sale of electric revenue bonds. As you'll see over the next nine months, it was all just getting started!



## It's Our Anniversary – But the Prizes Are For You!

For our 75th year, we wanted to celebrate with our favorite people – you! Now until the end of September, PUD customers with an active account can **enter to win a \$75 bill credit each month**. We'll culminate with a grand prize drawing for a \$750 bill credit in October.

Entering is simple! Visit [snopud.com/75](https://snopud.com/75) and click on the blue Zip and Zap banner. You can also visit a PUD office or call one of our amazing Customer Service Representatives. Good luck!



## Slade Wills, Where There's a Wills...

In the electric industry, safety is critical. That means training for our linemen, equipment operators, entry helpers and all our field employees is important to keeping our people updated on the newest skills, methods and technology.

As the Assistant Lineman Training Coordinator, Slade is dedicated to making sure his co-workers have all they need to get the job done safely. This includes job-related vocational training common to the utility industry, driver safety training, line apprentice testing and more.

"Due to Slade's innovative way of developing solutions to challenges in training, we now have a saying that, 'Where there's a Wills, there's a way!'" said Carlos Tostado, PUD Lineman Training Coordinator.



## PUD Commissioners Approve 2024 Budget

In December, Snohomish PUD's Board of Commissioners approved the 2024 budgets for the electric and water systems.

Both budgets include a small rate increase: 3.8% for electric and 5.4% for water. The water system's rate increase will go into effect on March 1, 2024, while the electric system's will go into effect a month later on April 1, 2024.

Rate increases are due to a variety of factors, including increased labor and material costs, higher prices for energy and water, and more money for capital projects and operational expenses as the PUD makes improvements to its infrastructure.

## Connect Up Moving Forward



Our Connect Up program has made great progress since beginning deployment of new meters this past fall. By the end of 2023, we've exchanged more than 7,000 customers' electric and water meters, with plans to exchange another 60,000 in 2024. Connect Up is integral to us fulfilling our promise to be an innovative utility that energizes our customers' lives.

Wondering when you might get your new meter? Find out at [snopud.com/connectup](https://snopud.com/connectup).



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