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Building a Stronger Grid of Tomorrow

We work every day to make our system more reliable. That will continue in 2024 as we complete critical infrastructure projects and regular grid maintenance, including replacing hundreds of aging poles and



trimming trees on upwards of 450 miles of powerlines.

One project we're very excited about is SnoSMART*, a \$60 million infrastructure and technology project. Over the next two years, SnoSMART will deploy hundreds of wireless-connected smart devices to our distribution grid and upgrade the software tools needed to operate them.

SnoSMART is partially funded through the Department of Energy's Grid Resilience and Innovation Partnerships (GRIP) program.

We were awarded \$30 million through the grant, enabling us to complete the project much quicker than previously planned.

"This is an incredible opportunity for us to make important investments in our communities, especially those vulnerable to extended outages," said PUD CEO/General Manager John Haarlow.

SnoSMART will:

- Strengthen our grid
- Improve system reliability
- Mitigate wildfire risks
- Improve outage response times

*SnoSMART is short for the *S*nohomish PUD *S*ecure *M*odern *A*utomated and *R*eliable *T*echnology project.

SAVE THE DATE! 2nd Annual Energy Block Party, April 27



Celebrate Earth Day and join us as we rock the block again on Saturday, April 27! Just like last year, we'll have fun for kids and adults, including our Truckstravaganza, electric vehicle car show, energy savings giveaways and much, much more. We can't wait to see you there!

PUD Meter Readers Make it Happen

Our meter reading group works every day to ensure that you receive an accurate and timely bill. Throughout the year, they read 4.5 million meters, and currently they've been reading 99.5% of those meters on a monthly basis.

It's critical that our meter readers have access to your meter. To help facilitate their job, please trim vegetation and remove any obstacles near your current meter.

As we install communicating meters through our Connect Up program, meter readers will transition to new opportunities within the PUD. We are committed to providing training and opportunities and retaining all meter readers who wish to remain PUD employees.



Celebrating 75: The 1950s

After taking ownership of the electrical system for Snohomish County and Camano Island in 1949, the PUD set to work building its new home over the next decade. In 1955, the PUD finished construction of its first service shop in downtown Everett. Three years later, our first headquarters building was completed at the corner of California St. and Virginia Ave., where it remains today. For more on our history and to enter our monthly drawing for a \$75 bill credit, visit snopud.com/75.

Run for Warmth

Join us Oct. 13 as we sponsor the third annual Run for Warmth 5K/10K in Snohomish. The run raises money for Project PRIDE, a program providing one-time grants for families and individuals who need help paying their energy bills. Use the code **SNOPUD10** to save 10% on registration at snopud.com/runforwarmth.

Learn how the IRA can help with energy efficiency



The Inflation Reduction Act, or IRA, has incentives aimed at helping homeowners and business owners be more energy efficient and save money. Register for our March Power Talks to learn how you can take advantage of these incentives and tax breaks. To register, visit snopud.com/powertalks.

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