

# The Daily Insider

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## Power rates going up 5 percent April 1

By a unanimous vote Clark Public Utilities' commissioners today approved a 5 percent electric rate increase effective April 1.

The retail rate increase is in response to an 8 percent April 1 increase in the cost of wholesale power from Bonneville Power Administration, and to the utility's lower than anticipated sales to customers, due to a warm winter and declining local economic conditions.

The first retail increase since August 2001, it may not be the last this year. BPA currently is considering another wholesale rate hike in October.

Residential customers' electricity will increase from 6.98 cents a kilowatt-hour to 7.36 cents a kilowatt-hour. For the average customer, who uses 1,500 kilowatt-hours of power a month, the increase will add \$5.70 to the monthly \$111.10 electric bill.

Small commercial customer rates will increase from 6.52 cents a kilowatt-hour to 6.88 cents per kilowatt-hour.

For larger commercial customers the kilowatt-hour charge for April through August will increase from 3.72 cents to 3.91 cents, and between September and March it will increase from 4.2 cents to 4.41 cents. Demand charges will increase from \$6 to \$6.30 per kilowatt-month. All but the largest industrial customers, who will pay the same kilowatt-hour price, will see kilowatt-month demand charges increase from \$5.28 to \$5.54. The per kilowatt-month demand charges for these customers will increase from \$4.08 to \$4.28.

## Major charitable organizations to report on post-9/11 demands

The Community Foundation for Southwest Washington, the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust and the Meyer Memorial Trust will present a community report on post-9/11 needs and demands at a 7 p.m. Thursday, March 20, Forum at the Library panel presentation in the Vancouver Community Library, 1007 E Mill Plain Boulevard.

Presenters are **Nancy Sourek, Neal Thorpe and Doug Stamm**. Moderator is **Bob Moser**.

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## First Citizen nominations sought

Nominations for the Community Foundation of Southwest Washington's 2003 First Citizen are being sought, reports foundation president **Nancy Sourek**.

**Bruce Hagensen**, 1998 First Citizen, is chair of the 2003 event, which will be a 4 to 6 p.m. reception

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Thursday, June 12, in the Heathman Lodge.

Sponsors of the event are the Bank of Clark County and the *Columbian*.

To nominate a candidate, call **694-2550** for an application packet.

## American Red Cross takes on new duties in time of war

One of the most important functions of the American Red Cross during time of war is to provide emergency communications between members of the military services and their families, reports Clark County Chapter Red Cross spokesperson **Shawna Burkholder**.

The local Red Cross can also help local families with creating family disaster plans. Burkholder says a family disaster plan is a good thing to have whether with regards to war, terrorism or natural disasters. Free disaster preparedness information is available at [www.redcrossclarkcounty.org](http://www.redcrossclarkcounty.org), or by calling **693-5821**.

## News briefs

Open house at Clark County's new Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin Street, is from 4:30 to 7 p.m. today. ■■■ The NE Hazel Dell Neighborhood Association meets at 7 p.m. tonight in the 6th flood offices at the Clark County Public Service Building, 1300 Franklin Street. Speaker is county commissioner **Betty Sue Morris**. ■■■ **Bernie Guisto**, newly elected Multnomah County Sheriff, delivers keynote address at the 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber luncheon in the Benson Hotel, Portland. For reservations for the \$20 luncheon, call **(503)-222-0280**.

### Tuesday electronic events

Clark County Focus—5 p.m. CVTV

Clark County Close Up—5:30 p.m. CVTV

City Minutes—6 p.m. CVTV

Vancouver Land Use Hearings (live)—7 p.m. CVTV

### Stocks of local interest at 4 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 18, 2003

Alaska Air Group	17.15	-2.05	Linear Technology	34.65	+2.5
Alcoa	21.14	+33	Microsoft	26.04	+1.1
Amazon.com	26.78	+23	Nautilus	15.05	+5.7
Bank of America	68.34	-.78	Nike	48.99	-2.58
Bank of Clark County	18.00	unch	Nordstrom	18.10	-.08
Bemis	43.85	+40	PepsiCo	40.21	-.19
Boeing	27.83	+93	Precision Cast	25.23	+3.9
Boise Cascade	23.43	+42	RLRN	18.00	unch
CenturyTel	27.76	+07	Starbucks	25.07	-.36
Costco	30.99	+09	TSM	8.21	+3.4
Expeditors Intl.	35.61	+09	Tektronix	17.06	+2.7
Georgia Pacific	14.04	+14	US Bancorp	19.98	+1.0
HPQ	16.74	+34	Wash. Mutual	34.15	-.30
Intel	18.25	+19	W. Coast Bancorp	15.09	-.40
Kyocera	50.98	-.55	Weyerhaeuser	50.66	+8.50

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### Town Tabloids and The Weather

**Dale Denny** turning in good report.

■■■ **Russ Garrow** getting his turn in front of the camera. ■■■ **Donna**

**Harroun** setting up foursomes. ■■■

**Machelle Campbell** doing first stories first. ■■■ **Toni Egger** lending a hand.

■■■ **Tuesday**, mostly cloudy, a few showers, a few sunspots, 56.

**Wednesday**, mostly gray, a little more rain, 60. **Thursday**, gray, rainy, but a few sunbreaks, 58.

Acapulco	88/66
Athens	48/38
Chicago	48/40
Dallas	70/48
Hong Kong	76/64
Los Angeles	66/48
London	57/44
New Orleans	78/60
New York	58/35
Orlando	88/67
Paris	52/39
Phoenix	65/50
Rome	55/36
Seattle	52/42
Sydney	79/61
Tokyo	46/34
Washington	58/42