Benton PUD Expands Low Income Discounts

(Kennewick) Benton PUD’s Low Income Discount Programs were recently expanded to reach more customers.

The new discount program for low income seniors and low income disabled customers now includes three ranges based on household annual income. Qualified customers with an income up to 225% of the federal poverty level can receive a 10% discount. A 15% discount is available for customers with an income up to 200% of the federal poverty level and 25% discount for customers with an income of up to 150% of the federal poverty level.

The 10% discount is an addition to the previous discount ranges and the 25% discount reflects an increase from 20%. The minimum discount for all three ranges is the base charge.

Approximately 1,300 Benton PUD customers currently receive the 20% and will automatically get the increase to 25%.

The changes are effective January 1, in time to help low income customers during this winter heating season.

To qualify for the Low Income Senior discount, in addition to the customer’s annual income customers must be 62 or older. For the Low Income Disabled discount, qualifications are based on annual household income and a qualifying disability of the customer or member of the household. Income verification is required for both discounts and is completed by the Community Action Connections.

Applications for each discount are available online at Benton PUD.org or by contacting Customer Service at (509) 582-2175 in Kennewick or (509) 786-1841 in Prosser.