



March 17, 2017

Dear Valued Customer

RE: March 28 Public Meeting regarding Sunset Road to Reata Transmission Line

Benton PUD and the City of Richland Energy Services are working together on power line projects located near your neighborhood. Our collaboration will enable us to reduce costs while providing needed capacity and ensure reliability for new and existing customers.

Our utilities have both experienced steady customer growth in our respective service territories near the south Badger Mountain and Badger Canyon areas. To best serve the growth in these areas and to assure reliable and flexible electric service well into the future, there is a need to add 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission lines along portions of Jacobs Road, Dallas Road, and I-82 and a new Richland Energy Services substation on Dallas Road. The enclosed map shows the locations of the planned infrastructure.

Construction on the first transmission line is scheduled to begin in the second quarter of 2017 with the line energized in the fourth quarter of 2017. The interconnection of the Benton PUD and Richland Energy Services 115-kV transmission lines at the Dallas Road Substation will provide the infrastructure needed to meet customer expectations for reliability and the operational flexibility needed to meet future capacity and maintenance requirements.

**We invite you to learn more about the infrastructure project by attending an open house from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., March 28, 2017 at the CG Public House and Catering (formerly named The Country Gentleman Restaurant) located at 9221 W. Clearwater, Kennewick.** At the meeting we will further explain the project with a short presentation with plenty of time for discussion with representatives from Benton PUD and Richland Energy Services.

Sincerely,

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