

# COWLITZ PUD

## Low-Income Disabled Citizen Discounted Rate (DDR)

### Eligibility Guidelines – July 20, 2010

A discounted electric rate is available for Cowlitz PUD customers who receive a disability income and qualify for special parking privileges, or are blind, disabled, handicapped or incapacitated as defined under the Revised Code of the State of Washington (RCW).

#### APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

1. Must occupy the premise, must have lived there for at least the past 12 consecutive months and be legally responsible for payment of the PUD account.
2. Must provide documentation of a disability:
  - Qualifies for special parking privileges under RCW 46.16.381(1) (a through h) or a blind person as defined in RCW 74.18.020(4), or
  - A disabled, handicapped, or incapacitated person as defined under RCW 71A.10.020 (3) or any other existing state or federal program. A physician's certificate is required if the applicant does not have a disabled parking permit.
3. Must earn a long-term or permanent disability income (i.e. SSI, SSDI, L&I).
4. Must apply for the discounted rate and meet with CAP to provide proof of disability, income and residency as determined by the PUD.
5. Annual gross household income will be calculated based on a review of all related financial records. The gross household income will determine the level of the rate discount as shown in the chart below:

Persons in HH	25% DISCOUNT Gross HH income	15% DISCOUNT Gross HH income	5% DISCOUNT Gross HH income
1-2	Up to \$14,570	\$14,570 - \$21,855	\$21,855 - \$25,500
3	Up to \$18,310	\$18,310 - \$27,465	\$27,465 - \$32,045
4	Up to \$22,050	\$22,050 - \$33,075	\$33,075 - \$38,590
5+	Up to \$25,790	\$25,790 - \$38,685	\$38,685 - \$45,130

6. The discounted rate must be reapplied for annually during the application time period set by the PUD.
7. Low-income discount applies only to a primary residence and is not available for seasonal or other secondary residences.
8. No customer is eligible for more than one PUD low-income rate discount program.

#### APPLICATION PROCESS

- **Step 1:** **FROM AUGUST 2 TO NOVEMBER 5, 2010**, contact CAP at (360) 425-3430 and request an appointment to review your eligibility for a rate discount. CAP will inform applicants of all documentation they are required to present. Appointments will be offered through Dec. 7, 2010.
- **Step 2:** A few days prior to the CAP appointment, the applicant must come to Cowlitz PUD's main office during regular business hours (weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.) and request documentation that will verify that occupancy and length-of-service requirements have been met. Photo ID is required. The information provided by the PUD must be taken to the CAP appointment.
- *Note: If it is not possible to come to the PUD due to a disability, the applicant may send a family member or a friend as their representative. They must have the applicant's photo ID and a signed note requesting the required information.*
- **Step 3:** CAP will make the final determination of eligibility and will inform the applicant and the PUD. Once the PUD receives the approval notification from CAP, the discounted rate will go into effect at the time the meter is next read and monthly bill prepared.

**Questions: Call Cowlitz PUD at (360) 423-2210 or (800) 631-1131**