



**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF MASON COUNTY**

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Shelton, Washington 98584

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner
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January 7, 2022

City of McCleary
Attn: Chris Miller, Mayor
100 S. 3rd Street
McCleary, WA 98557

Re: Mutual Aid Response for Mason PUD 1

Dear Mayor Miller and Councilmembers,

2022 arrived with a disastrous weather event for Hood Canal and Mason PUD No. 1 on January 1st. The huge accumulation of snow coupled with 50-60 mph winds wreaked havoc on our entire electrical system, closing US Hwy 101 for several days. While most of our customers were restored within three days, as of today, we still have a handful of customers that have been out of power for six days.

Without the assistance of our neighboring public power agencies, like the City of McCleary, our customers would likely have experienced an outage lasting 10-14 days during a very cold month. Paul Nott and his crew were just outstanding. Not only did they arrive promptly and ready to work, but they also brought supplies that we ran out of and haven't been able to get due to supply chain issues. They kept us going.

Your line crew worked tirelessly for our customers this week. Long days in treacherous weather. The efficiency and skill of your crew is a testament to Paul's leadership. His communication was fantastic and expertise was much appreciated. It was a relief to have his team to rely on to get our system repaired and back in service.

McCleary has always been a good neighbor to Mason PUD 1. We have assisted each other many times over the years. This is the biggest storm event our PUD has seen in decades. We would not have come out it successfully or as quickly as we did without your crew.

Please thank each of them for their hard work on behalf of the board of commissioners, staff and ratepayers of Mason PUD 1. Don't hesitate to call us the next time that you're in need of assistance. This is what public power is all about.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Mike Sheetz in blue ink.

Mike Sheetz
Board President

Handwritten signature of Jack Janda in blue ink.

Jack Janda
Vice President

Handwritten signature of Ron Gold in purple ink.

Ron Gold
Board Secretary

Handwritten signature of Kristin Masteller in blue ink.

Kristin Masteller
General Manager