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COMPANY NAME: Columbia Rural Electric Association

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# Oregon

Kate Brown, Governor

**Public Utility Commission**

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October 17, 2017

TO: All Electric Supply and Communications Operators in Oregon

RE: Required Inspections of Electric Supply and Communication Facilities, and Report to Commission at completion of 2008-2017 inspection cycle.



Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-024-0011 requires operators conduct detailed inspections of overhead and underground facilities to identify violations of Commission Safety Rules. The rule also states the maximum interval for these inspection is 10 years with a recommended inspection rate of 10% per year. OAR 860-024-0012 outlines prioritization of repairs by operators of electric supply and communication facilities and requires correction of identified violations within two years of discovery (the rule identifies limited reasons corrections may extend beyond two years).

This rule was adopted by Commission Order No. 06-547, on September 26, 2006. The first 10-year cycle started on January 1, 2008 which means a new cycle will begin January 1, 2018.

This letter is to:

1. Request an updated report from Oregon operators as to the completion of the first 10 year reporting cycle that began January 1, 2008, and will end December 31, 2017; and
2. Remind Oregon operators that the new 10 year cycle starts January 1, 2018.

Included in this correspondence you will find a Facilities Inspection Progress Form for 2008-2017 and a cover sheet that is to be filled out and filed with the completed report. Please complete and file this report with the Commission no later than March 15, 2018. To submit a report to the filing center, complete the attached cover sheet along with the status update and email to [PUC.FilingCenter@state.or.us](mailto:PUC.FilingCenter@state.or.us).

If this report is not filed, Staff will request assistance from the Department of Justice to obtain the information and may request the Commission exercise its authority to assess penalties under ORS 757.990. The maximum penalty is \$10,000.

All electric operators are required by statute to file current contact information with the Commission. We request all operators keep contact information current and notify the Commission of any changes. This makes it possible for us to fulfill our obligation to the Oregon Office of Emergency Management and the State of Oregon during emergencies.

As a reminder, the next ten-year cycle is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027, and a five year progress report for the next cycle will be due the first quarter of 2023 (OAR 860-024-0011).

If you have any questions, please contact Karla Hunter at 503-373-0044.



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Attachments:

- OAR Chapter 860, Division 24 & 28
- Filing Cover Sheet
- Division 24 Facilities Inspection Progress Reporting Cycle 2008-2017



**Division 24  
Facilities Inspection Progress  
Reporting Cycle 2008 through 2017  
\*\*Due No Later Than March 15, 2018**

**Operator Information**

Operator Name: Columbia Rural Electric Association	
Address: 2929 Melrose St, Walla Walla, WA 99361	
Contact: Grant D. Glaus, P.E.	Title: Manager of Engineering
Phone: 509-526-4041	Email: gglaus@columbiarea.coop
Pole owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
If yes, please provide a list of all operators attached to your poles.	

**Progress Update for Reporting Cycle January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2017**

Did you submit a "5 year check-in report" to the OPUC Safety Staff?  Yes  No

Did you meet the requirements of OAR 860-0024-0011 for the reporting cycle ending December 31, 2017?  Yes  No

If not, please file a correction plan for Commission review.

(Staff routinely audits operator records, and conducts field inspections to confirm an operator's inspection/correction process is identifying code violations and correcting them within 2-years.)

**\*\* Reminder \*\***  
The next ten year cycle is January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2027. You are required to file a report half way through that cycle demonstrating you have conducted detailed inspections of at least 50% of your facilities.

Do you have a plan in place to complete detailed inspections of at least 50% of your facilities by 2023 as required by OAR 860-024-0011.  
 Yes  No

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