



City of Palouse

May 2014

Dear Palouse Community Member:

A new light will be shining soon on this great community we all call home. For the next few months, you will see Avista crews in the community installing new energy saving LED (light emitting diode) street lighting equipment. This work is a result of the City of Palouse being selected as one of six communities across the state to participate in a pilot street lighting project through the Washington Transportation Improvement Board (TIB).

We are excited to be part of this pilot project with Avista, our utility partner, and what it means for our city. When completed, the total investment in upgrading and repairing the electric system including power poles and street lighting will exceed a quarter of a million dollars – all at no cost to residents or to the city.

This commitment and investment will benefit our community by reducing the energy used by the street lights, reducing maintenance costs since LED lights last up to three times longer than the current lights, and continuing to ensure reliable power. When work is completed this summer, Palouse will be the first community in eastern Washington to provide this energy-saving technology throughout our city which has nearly 160 street lights.

While the work is taking place, an Avista crew member may knock on your door to make you aware of what they are doing and if your power will be briefly interrupted which may be necessary to safely perform the work. Thank you for your patience and understanding during the work.

For more information or details, please call Palouse City Hall at (509) 878-1811. You can also call Avista at (800) 227-9187 if you have questions about your electric service. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Echanove".

Michael Echanove, Mayor
City of Palouse

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dan Knutson".

Dan Knutson, Street Lighting Coordinator
Avista Utilities