

California Oregon Power Company or COPCO

1911 - 1947 The California Oregon Power Company, was better known as COPCO. It was formed in 1911 to serve southern Oregon and northern California. COPCO was acquired by Standard Gas & Electric in 1925. In 1947 COPCO became independent again, partly as the result of the 1935 holding company act.

1961 In 1961 Pacific Power and Light Company merged with COPCO. With the COPCO acquisition, Pacific jumped to 411,000 customers from 318,000, and reached annual revenues of \$90 million.

The company is now part of PacifiCorp.

When was the power line buried?



COPCO Power Insulators

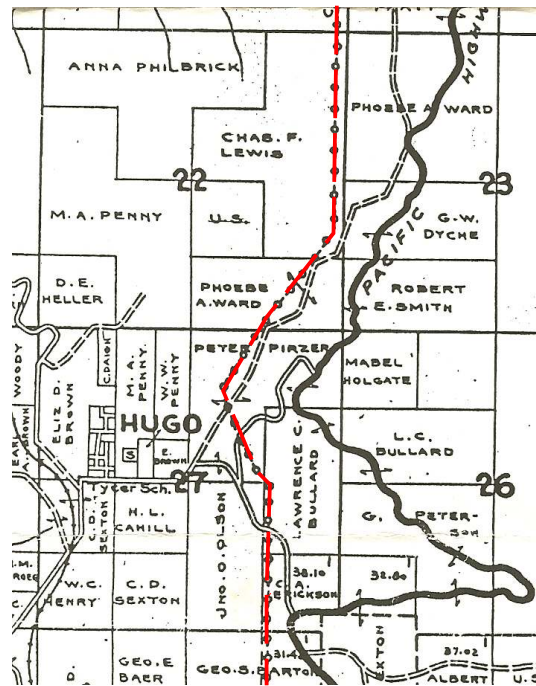
20?? Ricky Downes found two power insulators along the buried power line over Grave Creek Hills near Mt. Sexton.

COPCO Power Insulators

Ricky Downes' Power Insulators

Identifier On Metal Bell: "BTC"
 Identifier On Insulators: "1966"
 "CHANCE"
 "15,000 LB."

Each insulator is approximately 16 inches long when fully vertically extended and weighs approximately 20 pounds.



COPCO Power Line In Hugo, Oregon: 1932

PacifiCorp

1984 PacifiCorp was formed in 1984, when its electric utility, natural resource development and telecommunications businesses grew into full-fledged enterprises. PacifiCorp operates as Pacific Power in Oregon, Washington and California; and as Rocky Mountain Power in Utah, Wyoming and Idaho. In 1989, it merged with Utah Power & Light, and continued doing business as Pacific Power and Utah Power. The company was acquired by MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company in 2006.

Insulator Brochure Series This brochure is number twelve of several in the "insulator" series numbered 1 through 13. Most importantly, the insulator series is all about Josephine County, Oregon, insulators. The series will be continued with adventures in the field.

1. Insulators of Josephine County
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1. Hugo Neighborhood. March 19, 2006. *Crown Jewels of the Wire*. Hugo, OR.

Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society's Mission

This information brochure is one of a series of documents published by the Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society (*Hugo Neighborhood*). It is designed to be shared with neighbors for the purpose of helping protect our rural quality of life by promoting an informed citizenry in decision-making. The *Hugo Neighborhood* is an informal nonprofit charitable and educational organization with a land use and history mission promoting the social welfare of its neighbors.

Land Use & History

The *Hugo Neighborhood's* land use mission is to promote Oregon Statewide Goal 1 — Citizen Involvement, and by preserving, protecting, and enhancing the livability and economic viability of its farms, forests, and rural neighbors. It will act, as requested, as a technical resource assisting neighbors to represent themselves.

Its history mission is to collect, preserve, interpret, and research its local history and to encourage public interest in the history of the Hugo area.

Membership dues are \$10.00 annually and due in January. They are used for paper, ink, envelopes, publications, and mailings. Make checks to the *Hugo Neighborhood* and send them to our Treasurer.

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Ricky Downes With COPCO Power Insulator

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