



PORT OF KLICKITAT

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Ferrellgas To Site At Dallesport

Bingen, Washington – On January 22, 2013, the Port of Klickitat and Ferrellgas signed a ground lease for the former Empire Gas site in the Port's Dallesport Industrial Park. Just over one acre in size, the property will be initially used to store 30,000 gallons of liquid propane gas (LPG). Though the agreement does not preclude additional storage facilities, any expansion would be subject to approval of the Klickitat County Board of Adjustment.

“Many of our constituents use propane to cook, heat their homes, dry their clothes, or run their generators so it's important to have this resource in our community,” remarked Port Commissioner Bill Schmitt. “We are pleased to welcome Ferrellgas to Dallesport and Klickitat County.”

Ferrellgas continues a long history of LPG providers that have located at the Dallesport Industrial Park over the last two decades. Prior tenants include Columbia Propane, All Star Gas (f.k.a. Empire Gas), and most recently, AmeriGas.

“The Port is sensitive to anxiety regarding a propane operation at the industrial park,” said Marc Thornsby, the Port's Executive Director. “Many of these concerns are spawned by the fire that occurred at the AmeriGas facility in 2005. However, there have been no incidents since and we believe that, given the risks inherent with LPG storage, an industrial park is the best place for it rather than near a school or residential area.”

Before agreeing to execute a lease, the Port required Ferrellgas to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from Klickitat County and to make contact with the local fire department (Klickitat County Fire District No. 6). The conditions of the CUP require Ferrellgas to, among other things, perform regular site inspections, maintain an on-site health and safety plan, provide safety training for its employees, and monitor the site for evidence of unauthorized entry.

At A Glance...

Who:	Port of Klickitat
What:	Ferrellgas Lease
When:	Jan. 24, 2013
Where:	Dallesport
Quick Facts:	Port signs lease with Ferrellgas for former Empire Gas site at its Dallesport Industrial Park.

About the Port of Klickitat

Economic development, transportation, and marine-based recreation are key functions of the Port of Klickitat. These are achieved through leasing industrial-zoned property, developing and renting industrial and commercial facilities, developing and maintaining rail spurs and dock facilities, assisting companies with an interest in locating in Klickitat County, creating and managing marine-based recreational facilities, and working closely with various partner organizations and agencies.

The Port of Klickitat is located in Klickitat County, Washington and was created in 1944. It is one of several port authorities located in the mid-Columbia region. It owns two industrial parks and several buildings, leases industrial property and space, operates a barge dock, and holds property set aside for a park and marina. Transportation access is provided via rail, river barge, highways 14, 35, and 197, and Interstate 84. More information can be found on the Port's web site at www.portofklickitat.com.

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