

HOW TO SPEAK PUD

A list of common acronyms

APPA

American Public Power Association

A nonprofit organization representing over 1,750 publicly owned utilities in the U.S. and its territories. Services to members include lobbying before Congress, representation with the Executive Branch and regulatory agencies, publication of a magazine and newsletters, a library, programs in safety, maintenance of technical committees, continuing education, and research and development.

AWC

Association of Washington Counties

The nonprofit state association representing cities.

AWWA

American Water Works Association

The leading national nonprofit organization representing water utilities throughout North America. Services to members include education in water system operations, lobbying before Congress and the executive branch, research and development, and publication of a range of periodicals and books on water-system topics.

BLM

Bureau of Land Management

Responsible for managing 284 million acres of public lands located primarily in the far west and Alaska.

BPA

Bonneville Power Administration

The sole federal power-marketing agency in the Northwest and the region's major wholesaler of electricity.

COE

Corps of Engineers

An agency of the U.S. Army with the responsibility of designing, constructing and operating civil works, including multipurpose dams and navigation projects.

CRITFC

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

The commission is composed of the Fish and Wildlife Committees of its member tribes, and supplies technical expertise and enforcement resources.

CWA**Clean Water Act**

The federal law that sets regulatory standards for water pollution and cleanup, and requires pollution dischargers to obtain water quality permits that set emission limits. PUD hydroelectric and wastewater systems must obtain these permits.

DOE**(1) Washington Department of Ecology**

The state agency that administers and enforces a range of environmental laws affecting PUDs, especially state laws governing water rights and water pollution. DOE administers the water rights and water pollution control permits needed by PUDs for their water, wastewater, and hydroelectric systems.

(2) U.S. Department of Energy

The federal agency that oversees the Bonneville Power Administration, the regulation of nuclear power reactors, and other aspects of the energy industry important to PUDs.

DOH**Washington Department of Health**

The state agency that oversees compliance of public water systems with state and federal health regulations. DOH administers the federal Safe Drinking Water Act in Washington. DOH reviews and approves the plans and engineering documents prepared by PUDs for their water systems.

EPA**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

The agency that enforces federal environmental laws, such as the Safe Drinking Water Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Clean Air Act.

ESA**Endangered Species Act**

The federal law that requires protection of plant and animal species that are designated threatened or endangered by agencies of the federal government. PUDs cannot undertake activities that harm or kill the plants or animals that receive this designation.

FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Regulates the interstate aspects of the electric power and natural gas industries.
IOU	Investor-owned utility A utility that raises capital for system investment primarily through the sale of stock to investors.
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service An agency of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. It provides management, research, and services for the protection and rational use of living marine resources for their aesthetic, economic and recreational value.
NRECA	National Rural Electric Cooperative Association A private service association representing the national interest of nearly 1,000 electric utility cooperatives throughout the U.S. NRECA lobbies Congress on various power issues; offers information and education services; and provides retirement, safety and insurance programs to its members.
NWPP	Northwest Power Pool This is an association of utilities serving the Northwestern United States, British Columbia and Alberta. Members include the federal entities, such as Bonneville Power Administration, public and investor-owned utilities, and non-utilities.
NWPPA	Northwest Public Power Association The NWPPA represents 170 public utilities in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Montana, Utah, Wyoming, Nevada, California, British Columbia, Alberta, the Yukon and Northwest Territories. NWPPA conducts educational, communications, legislative and service activities.

NWPPC**Northwest Power Planning Council**

The council's primary responsibilities are to develop a program to protect, mitigate and enhance fish and wildlife damaged by hydroelectric development in the Columbia River Basin; to develop a 20-year regional conservation and electric power plan; and to provide for broad public participation in its planning process.

NWPW**Northwest Power Works**

A coalition that opposes FERC's proposals to impose an RTO and Standard Market Design on the Pacific Northwest, and supports alternative approaches to improving the region's transmission system. The coalition is made up of publicly owned utilities, businesses, labor unions, cities, counties, chambers of commerce, agricultural organizations and others.

PGP**Public Generating Pool**

The Public Generating Pool is an organization of six public utilities that own substantial generating facilities in Washington. Members interact with Bonneville and other regional organization on wholesaler rates, transmission, legislative and other matters.

PNUCC**Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee**

PNUCC represents the three constituencies in the Northwest energy community: public utilities, investor-owned utilities, and direct service industries. PNUCC provides a forum where its membership can share information and views and work toward consensus on a variety of power and environmental issues that impact resource stability and future energy development.

PPC**Public Power Council**

The PPC is an association representing the common interest of consumer-owned electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest. PPC's objective is to enhance the competitiveness of consumer-owned utilities and their ability to serve their communities.

RTO	<p>Regional Transmission Organization RTOs are independent managers of interstate transmission systems within a given region. Grid West is the RTO that FERC has proposed in the Northwest.</p>
SMD	<p>Standard Market Design The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has proposed a rule that would establish a standard electricity market design nationwide. SMD would put transmission systems under the control of independent transmission providers overseen by FERC, require utilities to compete for access to transmission, and place greater emphasis on short-term power markets.</p>
USFWS	<p>U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Their mission is to conserve, protect and enhance the nation’s fish and wildlife and their habitats for the continuing benefit of all people.</p>
WRECA	<p>Washington Rural Electric Cooperative Association An organization formed to consider issues and goals common to electric cooperatives in Washington. The association, composed of 14 cooperatives, is active on such issues as state taxes, energy conservation and utility laws, and participates in state legislative matters.</p>
WUTC	<p>Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission The utility regulatory agency in Washington for investor-owned electric and gas utilities.</p>
SDWA	<p>Safe Drinking Water Act The primary federal law that sets regulatory standards for drinking water provided by PUDs and other water utilities.</p>

STAG**State and Tribal Assistance Grants**

Grants authorized by Congress for designated water or wastewater projects, for up to 55 percent of the total cost of a project. The federal Environmental Protection Agency administers disbursement of STAG funds to recipients

NW WARN**Northwest Warning, Alert & Response Network**

A voluntary collaboration of federal, state, and local agencies to foster immediate warning and sharing of information about possible threats to critical infrastructure systems in the Northwest, including water, power, telecommunications, and wastewater systems.

WASWD**Washington Association of Sewer and Water Districts**

The non-profit state association representing water and sewer districts, which are special-district local governments authorized under Title 57 of the Revised Code of Washington.

WWUC**Washington Water Utility Council**

A branch of the Pacific Northwest Section of the American Water Works Association. The WWUC is a nonprofit organization made up of the managers, superintendents, and directors of water utilities owned by cities, PUDs, water/sewer districts, and private-sector entities. A primary goal of the WWUC is to help coordinate its members' involvement in state policymaking, rulemaking, and legislation pertaining to water resource management and public health.