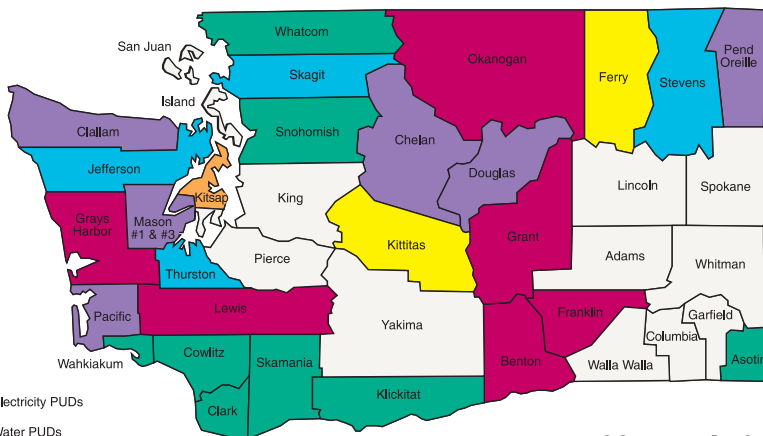


# PUD FAST FACTS

## Authorized by Initiative No. 1

Washington voters gave themselves the right to form public utility districts in 1930 when they passed Initiative No. 1. Private power companies refused to bring electricity to farms and rural communities early in the 20th century, so the Washington State Grange led the effort to give counties the right to form PUDs. The state law governing PUDs is RCW 54.



- Electricity PUDs
- Water PUDs
- Electricity and Water PUDs
- Electricity, Water and Telecommunications PUDs
- Electricity and Telecommunications PUDs
- Water and Telecommunications PUD
- Not served by a PUD

## Community owned

PUDs are owned by the communities they serve. Elected commissioners set policy for each PUD, and customers are always welcome to observe and participate in their PUD's meetings.

### 28 PUDs in 27 counties

*There are 28 operating PUDs (above) in Washington; 23 provide electricity, 19 provide water or water and wastewater services, and 13 offer wholesale broadband telecommunications.*

## Powered by water and wind

Washington PUDs provide an average of 81.8 percent of their power from clean, renewable hydroelectricity. Eight PUDs (Chelan, Cowlitz, Douglas, Grant, Klickitat, Lewis, Pend Oreille and Snohomish) and Energy Northwest, a joint operating agency, own their own hydroelectric facilities.



PUDs also are building and investing in wind energy projects such as the White Creek project near Goldendale and the Nine Canyon project near Kennewick, currently the nation's largest publicly owned wind facility.

## BPA's largest customer

As a group, Washington PUDs are the largest purchaser of wholesale electricity from the Bonneville Power, accounting for 24 percent (\$675 million) of the federal power marketer's annual revenue (2004). Snohomish PUD is the BPA's largest single utility customer.

## COMBINED PUD DATA

*(Based on 2006 operating year)*

### Total customers

Electricity: 908,485  
 Water: 117,992  
 Telecommunications: 11,805\*  
\*via retail service providers

### Line miles installed

Electricity: 40,228  
 Water: 3,023  
 Telecommunications: 3,220

### Sales

Electricity: 29 million megawatt-hours  
 Water: 19.6 billion gallons

### Revenue from sales

Electricity: \$1.6 billion  
 Water: \$51.4 million  
 Telecommunications: \$8.75 million

### Annual sales per customer

Electricity: 31,942 kilowatt-hours  
 Water: 166,000 gallons