

# ABOUT PUDs

## WHO WE ARE:

PUDs are locally-controlled, not-for-profit utilities owned and held accountable by the communities we serve. PUDs operate our own systems and exist to meet the needs of our customer-owners. PUDs are governed by locally-elected Boards of Commissioners that live in the communities they serve.

## WHO WE SERVE:

Twenty-eight public utility districts serve approximately one-million residential, business and industrial customers in 27 counties with not-for-profit services that keep rates down and reliability high while meeting the unique needs of the communities PUDs serve.



## Our Services:

Public utility districts provide electric, water, sewer and wholesale telecommunications services. As not-for-profit, consumer-owned utilities, PUDs focus on the needs of customers, not profits. PUDs provide affordable services and provide programs that help customers maintain comfort in their homes and remain profitable in their businesses while conserving resources.

## Our Roots:

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.



## Combined PUD Data

(Based on 2013 operating year, summary data below does not include Snohomish PUD)

## TOTAL CUSTOMERS

Electricity: 641,272  
Water: 105,022  
Sewer: 4,607  
Telecommunications: 28,197\*  
\* via retail service providers

## LINE MILES INSTALLED

Electricity: 33,375  
Water: 2,702  
Telecommunications: 5,821

## SALES

Electricity: 24.5 million megawatt-hours  
Water: 15.63 billion gallons

## REVENUE FROM SALES

Electricity: \$1.4 billion  
Water: \$59.49 million  
Telecommunications: \$25.61 million

## ANNUAL SALES PER CUSTOMER

Electricity: 38,257 kilowatt-hours  
Water: 149,000 gallons

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