

Public Utility Districts bring value to approximately one-million customers in communities across Washington.

Economic Value:

- PUDs drive our economy with not-for-profit services that keep rates down and reliability high.
- Providing some of the lowest rates in the country, PUDs attract new industries to Washington State and ensure our existing businesses and industries have the affordable resources they need to thrive.

Quality of Life Value:

- PUDs improve our quality of life by focusing 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.

Environmental Value:

- PUDs have a long history of promoting conservation as the least-costly and most environmentally friendly resource.
- PUDs follow science to achieve the public goal of preserving and protecting our environment.
- PUDs recognize the value of powering our communities with our greatest northwest energy resource; clean, renewable, low-cost hydropower.
- As locally-controlled public utilities, PUDs have a vested interest in preserving the natural beauty and resources in the communities they serve.

Public Value:

- PUDs are locally-controlled, not-for-profit utilities owned and held accountable by the communities they serve.
- PUDs exist to meet the needs of their customer-owners.
- PUDs operate their own systems; there is no distinction between the values of the community and the values of the utilities.
- Decisions that affect service, reliability and rates are made at the local level by locally-elected commissioners who live and work in the communities they serve.

