

## Pend Oreille County Public Utility District

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## Pend Oreille PUD to Hold Public Hearing on Clean Energy Implementation Plan

**NEWPORT, Wash.** - Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (PUD) will hold a public hearing during its regularly scheduled Board of Commissioners meeting to review the draft Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) and discuss results from a recent public survey on clean energy and affordability priorities.

The CEIP outlines how the PUD will meet state clean energy requirements under Washington's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).

The hearing will include a presentation of survey findings, which helped identify local priorities such as affordability, energy efficiency, and equitable access to programs for customers with higher energy burdens.

"Our focus is on meeting the state's clean energy requirements in a way that keeps costs as low as possible for our customers," said April Owen, Director of Finance for Pend Oreille PUD. "Safe and affordable electric service remains our top priority as we plan for a clean energy future."

Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide input.

## **Public Hearing Details:**

Date: Tuesday, November 4, 2025

**Time:** 9:30 a.m. (Board of Commissioners meeting begins at 8:30 a.m.)

**Location:** Pend Oreille PUD Board Room, 130 N. Washington Ave., Newport, WA **Virtual Option:** <a href="https://popud.org/top-links/about-your-pud/commissioners-and-">https://popud.org/top-links/about-your-pud/commissioners-and-</a>

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Following the hearing, the draft CEIP will be refined and made available for public review and comment later this winter.

## **About Pend Oreille County Public Utility District**

Pend Oreille PUD was established in 1936 and began operations in 1948. The PUD is governed by three locally elected Commissioners. A General Manager and staff operate the utility within policies set by the Board of Commissioners. The PUD has four operating systems: The electric system distributes electricity to the county, the production system produces power from the Box Canyon Hydroelectric Project, the water system consists of nine individual water distribution subdivisions, and the community network system provides wholesale broadband communication services. For more information visit: <a href="http://popud.org">http://popud.org</a>.