



What is Public Power? During the early 1900's, private power companies refused to bring electricity to farms and rural communities in Washington State. In 1930, the people of Washington voted to allow the citizens of each county the right to form public utility districts that could provide electricity, water and sewer services. Now, the State of Washington boasts 28 nonprofit, community-owned PUDs – and Okanogan County PUD is proud to be one of them!

At its heart, Public Power is all about:

- Community Owned – PUDs are owned by the people they serve.
- Locally Governed - Community members have a direct and powerful voice through their board of locally elected, non-partisan commissioners who set policy and oversee operations of the PUD.
- Customers Before Profit – Because PUDs are nonprofit, they focus on providing safe, reliable electricity service at a reasonable price.
- Transparency – PUD meetings are open to the public. PUD records are available to the public.

Okanogan PUD is proud to have served our county since 1945. Join us in celebrating Public Power Week October 6th – 10th by dropping in to any of the local PUD offices and sharing in some refreshments and information about your PUD.

For more information on public power, please visit the Washington PUD website at www.wpuda.org.