

Washington Public Utility Districts

Washington voters gave themselves the right to form public utility districts in 1930, when they passed the state's first initiative, 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.

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.

Counties Served by Public Utility Districts

