







# RATE REDESIGN

- Moratorium on New Large Loads (March 2014 to May 2014)
- Available Power
- Lowered the “Special Contract” threshold from 2.5 MW to 1.5 MW
- Tiered Rates
- Security Deposits
- Reformulated Contribution in aid of Construction (CIAC)

# PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 2 OF PACIFIC COUNTY NEW LARGE LOAD POLICY

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Energy Northwest Public Power Forum

# Presentation Topics

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- ▶ P.U.D. No. 2 of Pacific County Prior to a New Large Load Policy
- ▶ Why a New Large Load Policy
- ▶ Survey of Other P.U.D.'s
- ▶ Options for a New Large Load Policy
- ▶ Selection of a 300 kVA Transformer Limit
- ▶ Policy Specifics
- ▶ One Year Later
- ▶ Questions

# P.U.D. No. 2 of Pacific County Prior to a New Large Load Policy

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- ▶ Slice/Block Power Purchase Agreement with Bonneville Power Administration (2028)
  - ▶ Tier 1 CHWM of 36.87 aMW (322,981 MWhrs)
- ▶ Little Growth
  - ▶ 34.89 aMW total purchases from BPA in 2013
  - ▶ 1.98 aMW CHWM headroom (17,345 MWhrs)
  - ▶ At 0.5% load growth per year, CHWM not reached for another eleven years
  - ▶ At 1.0% growth per year, the CHWM would be used up in about six years
  - ▶ Mainly residential growth

# Why a New Large Load Policy

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- ▶ Initiative I-502 passed in November 2012
- ▶ 44 producers on Liquor Control Board List
- ▶ Numerous inquiries from producers of this agricultural crop for electrical service
- ▶ One producer would require construction of a transmission line to a new distribution substation with a 30-35 MVA power transformer
  - ▶ Double summer demand peak
  - ▶ Add one-third of winter demand peak
- ▶ With this added load, BPA Tier 1 CHWM will be exceeded in no time

# Survey of Other P.U.D.'s

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- ▶ Asked all Washington PUD Association Members with electrical service for a copy of their New Large Load Policy
- ▶ Response from 5 P.U.D.'s
  - ▶ 1 at 5 aMW or greater
  - ▶ 2 at 500 akW (1 MW) or greater
  - ▶ 1 with 500 kVA transformer size
  - ▶ 1 at 1 MW or greater
- ▶ Provided a starting point for our discussion on this subject



# Options for a New Large Load Policy

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## ► Six Options

- No NLL Policy, Meld Tier 1 and Non-Federal Costs to Develop Retail Rates
- 300 kW Connected Load or Above
- 500 kW Connected Load or Above
- 1 MW Connected Load or Above
- 2 MW Connected Load or Above
- All New Loads Retail Rates based on Non-Federal Wholesale Costs

# Selection of a 300 kVA Transformer Limit

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- ▶ Limiting harm to existing customers versus stopping economic development
- ▶ Tossed out two extremes
  - ▶ Meld all wholesale power costs
  - ▶ All new customer retail rates based on non-federal wholesale power
- ▶ Next eliminated 1 and 2 aMW load sizes
- ▶ Left two options
  - ▶ 300 and 500 kW loads

# Selection of a 300 kVA Transformer Limit

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- ▶ Decided on 300 kVA transformer size limit
  - ▶ 300 kW at 100% power factor is 300 kVA
  - ▶ 300 kVA is a standard sized three-phase transformer with a big jump to 500 kVA as the next standard size
  - ▶ Installed transformer size easier to use as threshold than connected load
  - ▶ Limits cost increase to existing customers

# Policy Specifics

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- ▶ Principals considered when developing the Policy
  - ▶ Tier 1 wholesale power from BPA gone
  - ▶ Growth pays for growth
  - ▶ Protection for existing customers
  - ▶ Able to use existing software
  - ▶ Simple in context
    - ▶ Application for P.U.D.
    - ▶ Understanding for customers
- ▶ Elements - New Large Load Policy
  - ▶ General
    - ▶ New customer classification
    - ▶ Tiered retail rate structure
    - ▶ Once a New Large Load, always a NLL
    - ▶ Customer moving into an existing facility that has been off for more than one year treated as a new customer
    - ▶ Each New Large Load customer required to sign a power purchase agreement with the P.U.D. for their retail service

# Policy Specifics

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- ▶ Elements - New Large Load Policy
  - ▶ New Load
    - ▶ Any customer requiring a 300 kVA transformer or larger
    - ▶ Aggregate of transformer kVA for service to buildings on the same or adjacent parcels with meters under the same name
    - ▶ New transformer installed to serve multiple customers divided by the number of customers based on individual load to the total
      - If one or all at 300 kVA or greater (NLL)
      - Below 300 kVA existing classification
- ▶ Elements - New Large Load Policy
  - ▶ Existing Load
    - ▶ Customer adding load such that a 300 kVA or larger transformer is required
    - ▶ Primary metered customers adding load will be assessed on a case-by-case basis
    - ▶ Special contract for those existing customers above 300 kVA adding an additional 300 kVA or more



# One Year Later

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- ▶ **Producers Agricultural Load**

- ▶ 4575 kVA transformers connected
- ▶ 3025 kVA transformers serving nine grandfathered or below 300 kVA transformer limit customers
- ▶ 1550 kVA transformers serving three NLL customers



- ▶ **Pending Producers Agricultural Load**

- ▶ 500 kVA transformer serving one NLL customer
- ▶ 1000 kVA transformer serving two NLL customers
- ▶ 30-35 MVA power transformer servicing ten NLL customers in development park

- ▶ **One Seafood Processor Connected under New Large Load Policy**

- ▶ Three phase service with 750 kVA transformer (NLL)

- ▶ **Pending Seafood Processors NLL Ice Plants**

- ▶ Two three phase services with 300 kVA or larger transformer

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Questions ????

# **Northern Wasco People's Utility District**

**The Dalles, Oregon**

**Voter Approved Formation: 1939**

**Operational: 1949**

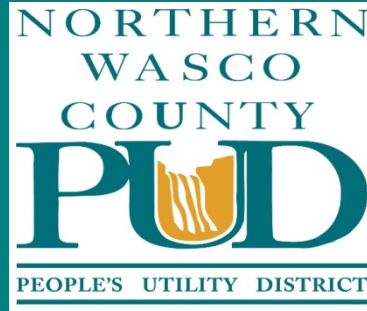










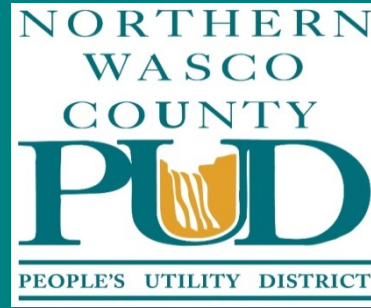


- **Service Territory: 92 Square Miles**
- **Population: 14,000**
- **115KV & 69KV Transmission: 37 Miles**
- **Distribution Substations: 8**
- **Distribution System: 240 Miles (80% overhead)**
- **Power Supply:**
  - BPA 65%**
  - PUD Owned Hydro 15%**
  - Market 20%**
- **Debt: NONE**









## **Power Supply Memberships: 2**

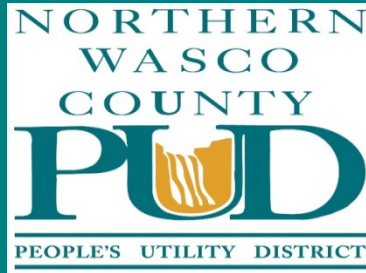
### **a. NEMS – NW Energy Management Services**

**21-member: Co-ops, Munis, PUD's  
from OR, WA, ID, WY, NV**

### **b. UAMPS – Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems**

**45 members from UT, CA, ID, NV, NM, OR  
& WA**

**Employees: 36 FTE & 15 PTE**



**Current Customer Base: Total 9,800**

**Sales**

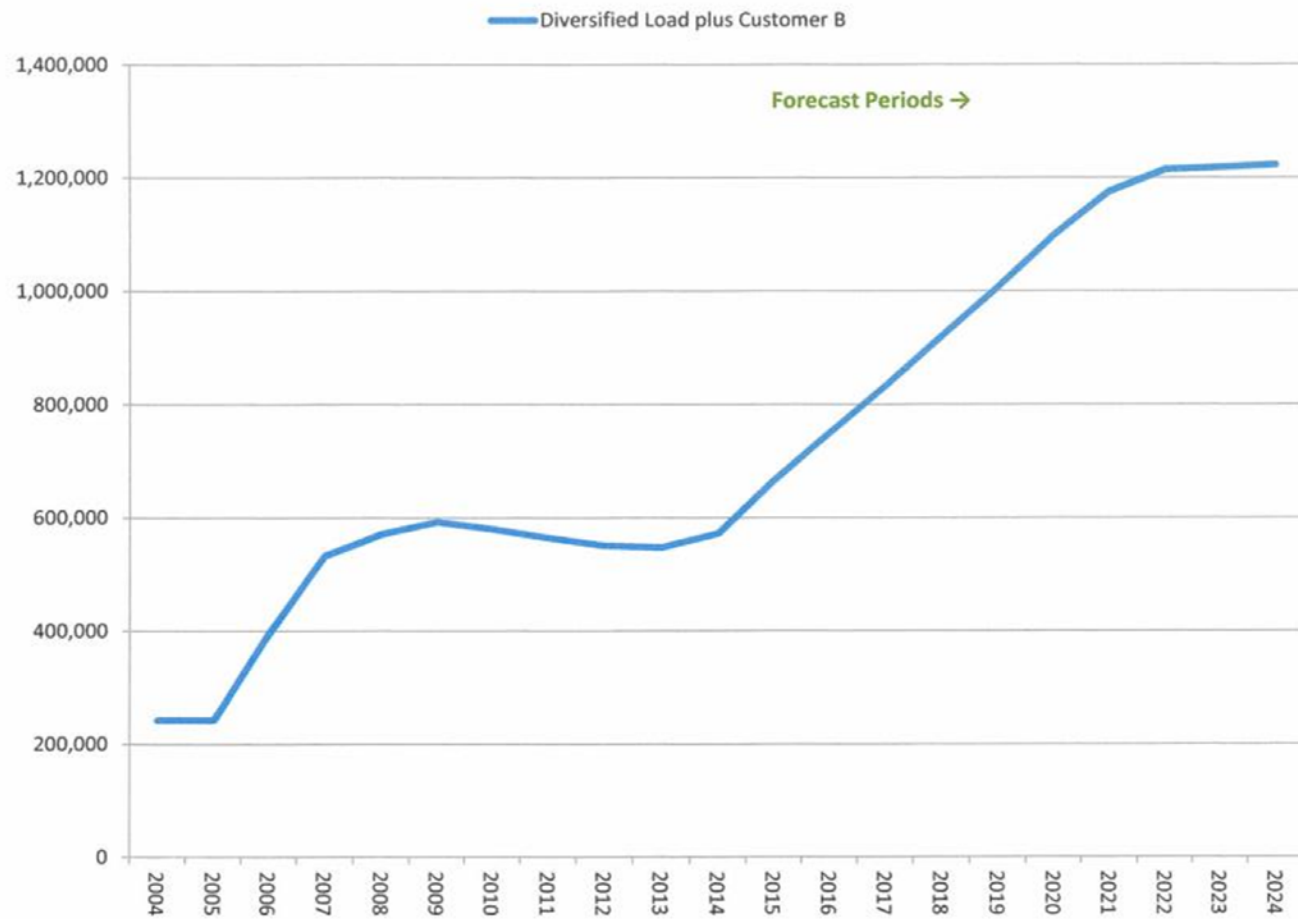
<b>Single Phase:</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>24%</b>
<b>3 Phase:</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Demand:</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>Primary:</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>62%</b>

**Future Customer Base may Include:**

- a. Server Farm Growth?**
- b. Bitcoin Entrepreneurs?**
- c. Marijuana Grow Operations?**
- d. ???**



## NWCPUD Energy Sales Historical & Forecast (MWh)



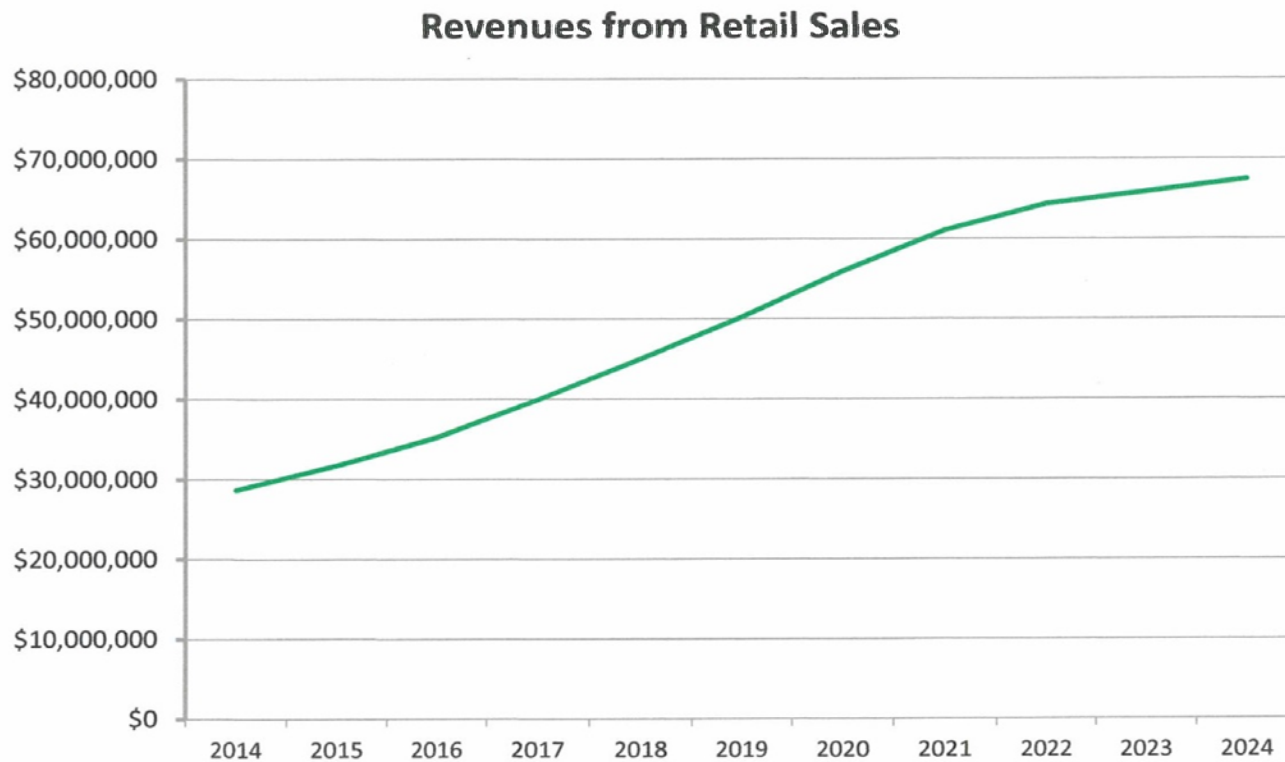
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# Projected Revenues – Base Case

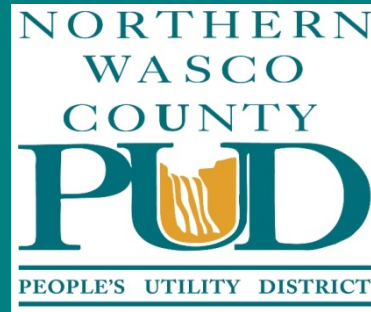
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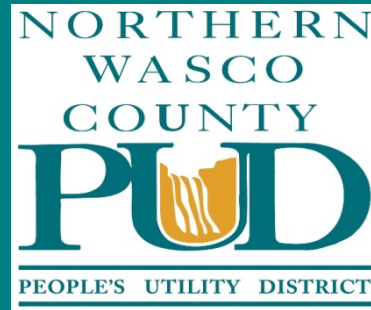
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## Customers Expectations:

Which comes 1<sup>st</sup> – “Affordability” w/ “Reliability”?  
“Reliability” w/ “Affordability”?

At the least – they want “Predictability”



# Rate Design and Redesign

## Our Design Criteria & Philosophy:

- Goals -
1. Maintaining Affordability
  2. Protecting Core Customers Economically
  3. Maintaining Quality Service Deliverability

## Secondary Foundation Principles for Achieving Goals:

- A -
1. Complete Economic Risk Mitigations, and
  2. Accurate Assessment of Proposed load's Energy needs on System

## Primary Foundation Principle

AAA: Successful Identification of all Risks in a changing Industry and Operational Environment