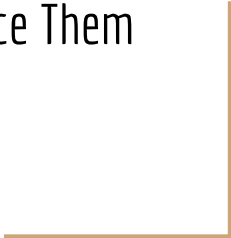




# Regulation: Who Makes the Rules

And How You Can Influence Them





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- ❑ Meeting all new energy demand with **energy efficiency** and new renewable resources.
- ❑ Full and fair **accounting** for the **environmental effects of energy decisions**.
- ❑ Protecting and restoring the **fish and wildlife** of the Columbia River Basin.
- ❑ **Consumer and low-income protection**.
- ❑ Informed **public involvement** in building a clean and affordable energy future

# Questions

- ❑ History of Utilities in the NW
- ❑ Current Structure/Utility Types
- ❑ Who Makes the Rules for Different Kinds of Utilities?
- ❑ How to Influence the Rules
- ❑ What's Changing?



# History of Power in the Northwest

1889: McMinville  
Power and Light Est.



1936: Rural  
Electrification Act



1937: Bonneville Dam  
Completed



2001: First Tribal  
utility Oregon



# Types of Utilities

	<b>Investor Owned Utility (IOUs)</b>	<b>Electric Coop</b>	<b>Public/People's Utility District (PUD)</b>	<b>Municipal Utility</b>	<b>Tribal Utility</b>
<b>Profit Structure</b>	Private Company (shareholder equity, bondholder debt)	Member Owned Non-profit	Community Owned Non-profit	Government Entity (city council, or elected body)	Government Entity (arm of Tribal Government); Corporation
<b>Regulatory Body (Retail)</b>	Utility Commission	Board Elected by Ratepayers	Board Elected by Voters in District	City Council or Elected/Appointed Body	Tribe/Tribal Entity
<b>Who Controls</b>	Owned by shareholders Controlled by CEO, Board of Directors	Owned by members (ratepayers)	Public Entity	Owned by Municipality	Tribal Government (through resolutions, laws, or a board)
<b>Programs</b>	Authorized or required by Utility Commission (funded by ratepayers)	Not required Receive BPA incentives (if BPA customer)	Not required Receive BPA incentives (if BPA customer)	Not required (unless by voters) Receive BPA incentives (if BPA customer)	Not required unless by resolution or law Receive BPA Incentives (if BPA customer)


# BPA PUBLIC, TRIBAL AND IOU CUSTOMERS OREGON STATE

 Tribal Reservation

 Federal Dam


**Public Utilities**

 Cooperative

 People's Utility District

 Municipality


**Investor-Owned Utilities**

 Idaho Power Co.

 PacifiCorp

 PGE

**Tribal Utilities**

 Umpqua Indian Utility Coop.



# Who Makes the Rules?

Bonneville Power  
Administration



Northwest Power and  
Conservation Council



Oregon Public Utility  
Commission



Utility Boards and  
City Councils



# Influencing the Rules

## COOPS

- ❑ Utilities care about what their customers think
- ❑ Know and understand your utility
  - ❑ Type, motivations, governance
  - ❑ Coop members have voting rights (know your bylaws)
- ❑ Know who makes the decisions and how programs are regulated, approved, and developed.

## IOUS

- ❑ Utilities care about what their customers think
- ❑ Know and understand your utility
  - ❑ Know who makes the decisions about program/pilot development
- ❑ Join the general OPUC docket list to stay on top of rulemakings and other proceedings, follow public meetings, and learn how to engage



# What's Changing: SB 978

2017 Session: SB 978  
Passed in Legislature

September 2018:  
Final OPUC Report

Internal OPUC  
Change

January-July, 2018:  
OPUC Public Process

New Legislative  
Action

Explores how Utilities Are Regulated

# What's Changing: SB 978

## OPUC Internal Change

- ❑ Retail Customer Options
- ❑ Performance-Based Regulation
- ❑ Regional Market Development
- ❑ Engagement and Inclusion in PUC Processes

## Legislative Recommendations

- ❑ **Climate Change:** OPUC lacks a clear mandate to address emissions except as an economic risk. The Legislature has to given indication that GHGs and other effects of can be considered
- ❑ **Affordability, Equity and Environmental Justice**

# What's Changing: Next Legislative Session

## Clean Energy Jobs

- ❑ Could create authority for OPUC to include environmental effects/GHGs in it's regulatory work

## Equity Elements of SB 978 Report

- ❑ New/expanded intervenor funding for entities that represent or serve low-income and environmental justice communities.
- ❑ Low-income and environmental justice advocate position to support low-income ratepayers and those impacted by social and environmental justice issues in matters before the Commission.
- ❑ Authorizes the Commission to consider aspects other than cost-of-service in approaching rate design, including energy burden

# Further Dialogue

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