

2020 Budget - Adopted



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About Our PUD

The PUD provides electric and wholesale fiber service to much of Lewis County and several surrounding areas. Our PUD is governed by 3 locally elected Commissioners who are tasked with overseeing the operations of the utility and setting of all policies, including adoption of the budget and rate setting. Each Commissioner serves an individual six-year term representing their respective district.

Additionally, the PUD owns and operates the Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project located near Randle in the eastern portion of the county. On average the Project generates 262,000 megawatt hours of electricity (MWhs) annually. The PUD and the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) cooperatively developed the Cowlitz Falls Project and began jointly producing power in the early 1990's. The PUD owns and operates the Project, while BPA has purchased the annual output under a long-term contract. In exchange for receiving the output of the Project, BPA pays all costs associated with its capital investment, operations and maintenance.

2020 Budget Summary

The 2020 budget is balanced and assumes no planned use of or contribution to cash. The electric system budget represents \$81,966,200 in expenditures including debt service and taxes. The budget assumes a 4.75% increase in metered energy rates for electric customers starting January 1, 2020. Demand charges and basic rates are expected to remain unchanged.

In total the 2020 budget is 3.0% higher than the 2019 budget. Highlights include;

- \$5.1M in Capital
- \$4.5M in Taxes
- \$2.5M in Debt Service
- \$17.2M in Labor
- 6.1% BPA Transmission cost increase
- 1.5% BPA Power surcharge



Adopted 2020 Electric and Fiber System Budget

	2020 Budget
Sales - Retail Electricity	\$ (71,999,300)
RESIDENTIAL	\$ (39,947,400)
COMMERCIAL	\$ (11,390,500)
EXEMPT TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES	\$ (35,000)
INDUSTRIAL	\$ (12,397,200)
INDUSTRIAL TRANSMISSION	\$ (3,345,800)
IRRIGATION	\$ (73,200)
OTHER TO PUBLIC AUTHORITIES	\$ (4,483,700)
PUBLIC STREET AND HIGHWAY LIGHTING	\$ (132,600)
SECURITY LIGHTING	\$ (193,900)
Sales - Other Revenue	\$ (4,166,600)
Sales - Wholesale	\$ (3,834,500)
Sales - Transmission	\$ (1,255,500)
Sales - Fiber	\$ (460,300)
Admin & General	\$ 2,650,200
Operating Expenses	\$ 49,775,900
Distribution	\$ 1,798,600
Equipment	\$ 83,500
Fiber	\$ 47,000
Fleet	\$ 96,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 26,000
General	\$ 2,291,600
Mill Creek	\$ 13,000
Power Delivery	\$ 1,188,000
Purchased Power	\$ 38,363,900
Purchased Transmission	\$ 5,237,500
Software	\$ 111,300
Training	\$ 78,400
Transmission	\$ 373,800
Travel	\$ 67,300
Capital	\$ 5,089,500
Distribution	\$ 3,184,500
Fiber	\$ 311,000
Fleet	\$ 1,270,000
General	\$ 15,000
Transmission	\$ 309,000
Labor	\$ 17,241,200
Debt	\$ 2,464,700
Interest Expense	\$ 371,000
Principal	\$ 2,093,700
Taxes	\$ 4,494,700
TAXES - BUSINESS & SALES	\$ 49,200
TAXES - PRIVILEGE	\$ 1,538,300
TAXES - UTILITY	\$ 2,907,200
Change in Cash (\$0 is balanced)	\$ -

Adopted FY 2020 Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project Budget

	2020 Budget
Admin & General	\$ 858,200
Operating Expenses	\$ 2,026,660
General	\$ 363,600
Transmission	\$ 70,000
Fish & Wildlife	\$ 169,700
Recreation	\$ 257,300
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,166,060
Labor	\$ 2,682,500
SPCF	\$ 163,900
Fleet	\$ 85,000
General	\$ 23,400
Training & Travel	\$ 55,500
Project Reimbursement / Revenue	\$ (5,731,260)
Project Revenue	\$ (113,000)
Project Reimbursement	\$ (5,618,260)
BPA Project Reimbursement	\$ (5,418,260)
BPA Project Reimbursement (2019 Carry Over)	\$ (200,000)
Change in Cash (\$0 is balanced)	\$ -

The 2020 Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project Budget is balanced and does not result in a change to Project reserves. Expenses for the project total \$5,731,260. Revenue includes reimbursements from the BPA, campground use fees, and carryover from projects underway and previously funded in 2019. The total reimbursement from BPA is \$5,418,260 spread equally across 12 months.