



Chelan PUD
2018 Legislative Top Preliminary Issues

1. Capital Budget - Centennial Grant funding for the Peshastin project
 - a. Issue - Upgrades to the wastewater plant to meet State mandated environmental requirements.
 - b. Need - We are seeking grant funding (60% of project costs)
2. Supplemental Budget
 - a. Issues –
 - i. The legislature may again need to address basic education funding
 - ii. This issue could lead to special sessions in 2018
 - b. Needs –
 - i. No operating budget needs for Chelan PUD
 - ii. A short session can contain legislative activities
3. Distributed Generation and distribution system planning
 - a. Issue – There will likely be a push for a requirement or at least permissive legislation to perform distribution system planning
 - b. Need – Maintain local control, allow for individual needs of utilities to be served through our system planning processes currently in place
4. Carbon pricing
 - a. Issues –
 - i. Carbon pricing legislation will again be considered this session
 - ii. Proponents for reducing GHG emissions may have an initiative ready for 2018 if not satisfied with legislative actions.
 - b. Need - Least-cost carbon reduction policies that provide for reliable power delivery
5. Retail telecom authority
 - a. Issue – Current law prohibits PUDs from serving existing customers in the event the retail service provider is unable to do so
 - b. Need – legislate a “Safe Harbor” provision to allow continued customer service
6. Pole attachments (Including wireless equipment)
 - a. Issue – There may be an effort by service providers to standardize rates across the state which would lead to electric ratepayers subsidizing telecom companies cost of attaching to poles
 - b. Needs
 - i. No rate changes are needed; we support the current rate setting methods, regulations and dispute resolution options for all customers



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- ii. Wireless device attachments must be studied further to understand safety and cost recovery issues

7. Electric Vehicle Incentives

- a. Issue – Municipal utilities and PUDs are seeking legislative clarity for allowing incentives to be offered to customers for electric vehicles and related infrastructure
- b. Need – Ensure legislation does not obligate PUDs nor limit or alter our current authorities

8. Bid limits

- a. Issue – Current RCW require PUDs to contract work when associated material costs exceed \$150,000.
- b. Need – Change the limitations to reflect inflationary increases and to allow PUD crews to perform more work on systems they must maintain.

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