

## 2017 Preliminary Budget

What we will cover today...

**Review timeline** 

**Key strategies** 

**Recent adjustments** 

Financial result

**Next steps** 

No Board action required today





#### September

Business Plans Finalized Budget Initiated

Business Plan Board Presentation

9/20

Complete

#### **October**

Preliminary
Budget Review &
Development

Budget Overview Presentations

10/3

Complete

#### **November**

Budgets Compiled & Presented to Board

Formal Board / Public Hearings

11/7

11/21

#### **December**

Finalize Budget Prepare Budget Journals

Request Budget Approval

12/5

**Colored boxes** indicated Board Meetings



#### **Key Strategies**

No electric rate increase (fifth straight year)

\$95 million capital investment in value-producing assets

\$52 million debt reduction

Fiber expansion on pace

\$86 million "Bottom-Line" budget forecast





#### Revenue Picture

80% of District revenues from surplus power sales

Power sales adjusting to lower market conditions

District revenue forecast above operating costs through 2021

#### **District priorities:**

- 1) Investing in assets & people
- 2) Reducing debt balance
- 3) Public power benefit program

Strategic investments + low debt + solid cash reserves = resiliency

## 2017 Budget Adjustments

Since Nov 7th Presentation

Bottom-Line revised up slightly ~\$2M \$83.9M up to \$86.0M

Operating Revenues adjusted up ~\$2M Wholesale "cost based" activity expectations updated

Operating Expenditures
No material change

Non-Operating Activity
No material change

Capital Expenditures adjusted down ~\$2M Refined project estimates and schedule activity updated

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## Combined Financial Results

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	\$ Change	% Change
Service Revenue	63,285	63,168	(117)	(0.2)%
Net Surplus Energy Revenue	235,826	237,971	2,145	0.9%
Other Operating Revenue	20,424	20,886	461	2.3%
Operating Expense	(165,626)	(162,157)	(3,469)	(2.1)%
Depreciation & Tax Expense	(55,424)	(56,139)	(714)	0.1%
Operating Income	98,485	103,728	5,243	<i>5.3%</i>
Non-Operating Activity	(22,905)	(17,770)	5,135	(22.4)%
Bottom-Line (Nov 21st)	75,580	85,958	10,379	13.7%
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation		83,917		

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83,097

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## Capital Expenditures

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016*	Prelim Budget 2017	\$ Change	Major Project Focus
Electric Distribution	10,832	12,587	1,755	Line upgrades, substation investments, customer work
Electric Transmission	2,937	3,894	957	Mid-C project, Operations video system, Relocates
Rocky Reach Hydro	13,787	12,014	(1,773)	Bridge/Gantry cranes, fire protection system, head covers, boat launch/docks
Rock Island Hydro	27,009	44,748	17,739	Powerhouse 1 modernization cranes, governor controls, domestic water, storage bldg.
Lake Chelan Hydro	371	1,099	728	Breakers, fire alarm system
Corporate/Shared Assets	13,002	14,427	1,425	Telephone switch, microwave, CIS, security/facility upgrades
Integrated Electric	67,938	88,769	20,831	

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## Capital Expenditures

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(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016*	Prelim Budget 2017	\$ Change	Major Project Focus
Fiber	5,120	3,935	(1,185)	Public Power Benefit (PPB) expansion & upgrades
Water	1,531	1,116	(415)	Water main replacements
Wastewater	1,539	418	(1,121)	Peshastin and Dryden system upgrades
Total Capital	76,129	94,238	18,110	
Less: Contributions	(3,881)	(4,604)	(723)	Capital Paid By Others
Regulatory Assets & Other	4,842	5,491	649	Conservation / Lic. Obligations
Net Capital & Reg. Assets	77,090	95,125		
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation		96,979		



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97,423

<sup>\* -</sup> Includes \$11.9M Rock Island capital budget revision approved with 2016 budget

## Combined District Expenditures

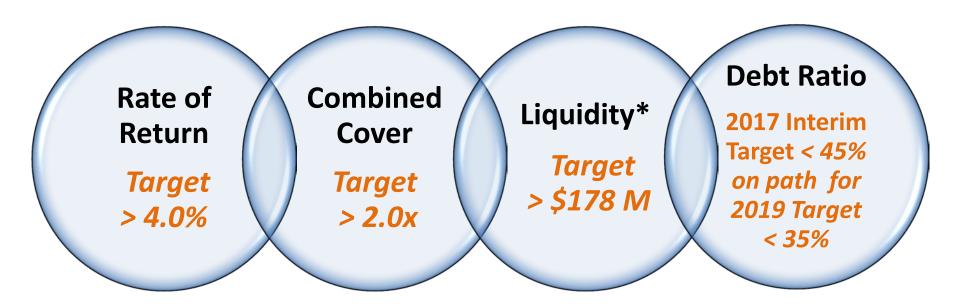
(in 000's)	*Adopted 2016 Budget	Preliminary 2017 Budget	%
Operating Expense	167,905	162,157	96.6%
Tax Expense	8,025	7,895	98.4%
Non-Operating Exp/(Inc)	24,593	22,944	93.3%
Net Capital & Reg Assets *	77,090	95,126	123.4%
Total Expenditures (Nov 21st)	277,613	288,121	103.8%
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation		289,628	
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Net Debt Reduction	22,550	52,387	232.3%
Total Expenditures & Debt Reduction (Nov 21st)	300,163	340,508	113.4%
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation		342,015	

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## **2017 Targeted Financial Policies**



The 2017 Budget exceeds all District and Business Line financial metric targets

<sup>\*</sup> The calculated target requirement for 2017 exceeds the set \$175M minimum



## Conclusion

## Fundamental perspective – How can we increase value for our customer-owners?

 Drives long-term planning and 2017 budget

## Projecting substantial positive net revenue over the next 5 years

- Key measure of financial health
- Healthy but declines over time with lower wholesale prices-monitor prudent financial policies

Decreasing risk of asset or compliance failure through planned investments

Accomplishing above, while decreasing debt and avoiding general electric rate increases

- ~\$280M debt reduction 2017-21
- The last general electric rate increase was in 2012



## **Budget Next Steps**

Respond

Provide any additional budget detail requested

Approve

Requesting Board Approval on December 5<sup>th</sup>



## **Appendix**

Additional information from prior presentation



## **2017 District Priorities**

# Reinvest in core assets and people

- Continue Rocky Reach large unit repairs
- Initiate Rock Island modernization
- Advance Asset Management program
- Implement new Mid-C Coordination system
- Begin Customer Information System upgrade
- Plan and prepare for substation additions
- Complete regional water supply strategy
- Progress cost-effective wastewater compliance improvements
- Develop employees in the pursuit of safety and operational excellence for high reliability operations

#### **2017 District Priorities**

#### Pay Down Debt

- Net reduction of \$52 million (\$29M accelerated)
- Year end debt ratio 38% (debt balance of \$537M)
- On path to achieve 2019 debt ratio target of < 35%

## Public Power Benefit Program

- Continue Fiber system expansion
- Parks parking pass program and camping pass pilot
- Various feasibility studies and misc. other projects



#### **Keys to 2017-2021 Planning**

#### Creating value for our customer-owners

## Measure: Net revenues (our bottom line)

Net revenues (million \$)	Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Forecast 2018*	Forecast 2019*	Forecast 2020*	Forecast 2021*	Total 2016-20
Budget Adoption, Dec-2015	75.6	70.9	66.1	55.5	38.3		306.4
Prelim Budget, Nov 21, 2016	85.4	86.0	67.6	57.1	49.7	48.0	345.8
Change since last year	9.8	15.1	1.5	1.6	11.4		39.4

#### > ~\$39 million forecast improvement 2016-2020

- Revenue up ~\$14 million increase in market based slice contract revenue a key driver
- <u>Expenses down ~\$25 million</u> lowering interest expense, reduced depreciation and an adjustment to the FTE vacancy rate to better match current expectations are key drivers
- Overall, continuing decreasing risks through investments in assets, compliance and customer satisfaction

#### **Keys to 2017-2021 Planning**

#### Creating value for our customer-owners

## ➤ Measure: Liquidity

Total Liquidity (million \$)	Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Forecast 2018*	Forecast 2019*	Forecast 2020*	Forecast 2021*
Budget Adoption, Dec-2015	352.4	332.9	283.4	248.3	232.2	
Prelim Budget, Nov 21, 2016	372.3	347.0	275.7	221.4	218.3	219.6
Change since last year	20.0	14.1	(7.7)	(26.9)	(13.9)	

- Projected 2020 balance has decreased ~\$14 million since last year's forecast for 2016-2020
  - Bottom-Line forecast up ~\$39M (2016-20)
  - Capital spending up ~\$44M (2016-20)
  - Debt Reduction timing increase ~\$9M (2020), reduction ~\$9M (2021)

<sup>\*</sup>Forecast as of Oct-2016

#### **Keys to 2017-2021 Planning**

#### Creating value for our customer-owners

#### Measure: Debt reduction

Debt Balance (million \$)	Budget 2016	Budget 2017	Forecast 2018*	Forecast 2019*	Forecast 2020*	Forecast 2021*
Budget Adoption, Dec-2015	589.6	537.2	452.4	382.4	341.9	
Prelim Budget, Nov 21, 2016	589.6	537.2	452.4	368.6	332.4	306.2
Change since last year				(13.8)	(9.5)	

- Planned debt reduction of ~ \$52 million for 2017, ~\$283 million 2017-2021
- Projected to achieve debt ratio of less than 35% by 2018 (one year earlier than target of 2019)
- Change since last year primarily due to refining payment dates to improve year-end debt coverage and capture net interest savings

<sup>\*</sup>Forecast as of Oct-2016

## **Combined Financials 2017-21**

(in 000's)	Prelim Budget 2017	Forecast 2018*	Forecast 2019*	Forecast 2020*	Forecast 2021*
Service Revenue	63,168	64,556	66,019	68,254	70,725
Net Surplus Energy Revenue	237,971	227,327	213,988	204,521	193,346
Other Operating Revenue	20,886	22,115	24,402	25,985	27,148
Operating Expense	(162,157)	(172,975)	(172,206)	(173,778)	(168,415)
Depreciation & Tax Exp	(56,139)	(56,273)	(58,712)	(61,893)	(63,740)
Operating Income / (Loss)	103,728	84,750	73,490	63,089	59,064
Non-Operating Activity	(17,770)	(18,123)	(16,341)	(13,434)	(11,092)
Bottom-Line (Nov 21st)	85,958	66,627	57,149	49,656	47,973
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup> Budget Presentation	83,917	67,294	58,500	47,293	43,031
2017-21 Business Plan	83,097	67,294	58,500	47,293	43,031

## Service Revenue

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Residential Electric	25,835	25,579	Modest customer growth with offsetting
Commercial Electric	16,927	16,600	impacts from energy conservation efforts
Industrial Electric	6,211	6,254	Growth impacts from High Density Loads
Other Electric	1,725	1,740	No verte in evere en el velo d
Electric Service	50,698	50,173	No rate increase included  Last general rate increase was 2012
Water Service	5,479	5,656	Modest growth / 2% rate adjust
Wastewater Service	600	668	Modest growth / 5% rate adjust
Fiber & Telecom	6,508	6,672	"System Expansion" impacts
Service Revenue	63,285	63,168	(Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> - Budget Presentation)
2017-21 Business Plan		64,135	

## Net Surplus Energy Revenue

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Slice Contracts	75,731	79,067	25% portfolio valuation higher
Block/Pre Sched/Real Time	37,166	35,660	Reduction in surplus energy
EP&T Net Wholesale	112,897	114,727	
LT Hydro Contracts	124,290	124,564	Reduced operating cost Rocky Reach large unit repairs
Less: Nine Cyns & Other PP	(1,361)	(1,320)	Consistent with 2016
Net Surplus Energy Revenue	235,826	237,971	(Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> - Budget Presentation)
2017-21 Business Plan		235,371	



## Other Operating Revenue

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Transmission/Wheeling	8,888	9,540	Increase investments in operations/compliance
Real Time Contract – Fixed	4,000	4,000	Consistent with 2016 budget
Real Time Contract – Variable	4,000	3,000	Lower market conditions, consistent with 2016 forecast
Environmental Attributes	285	458	Higher expectations in 2017
Service/Late Charges	339	353	Consistent with 2016 budget
Misc Other Items	2,912	3,535	Incremental revenue assumption
Other Operating Revenue	20,424	20,885	(Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> - Budget Presentation)
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## **Operating Expense**

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Hydro O&M	57,602	55,831	Rocky Reach repair schedule
Hydro Fish & Wildlife	16,660	15,511	Consistent with 2016 Budget
Hydro Parks & Recreation	7,238	7,208	Consistent with 2016 Budget
Electric Distribution	12,114	13,135	Continued reinvestment in assets
Electric Transmission	12,002	12,896	Continued reinvestment in assets
Power Supply Mgmt	6,325	5,165	Reduction in contracts
Water/Wastewater O&M	2,696	2,874	Consistent with 2016 Budget
Fiber Network O&M	4,497	3,960	Consistent with 2016 actuals

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## **Operating Expense**

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Customer Accts & Svc	3,855	3,898	Consistent with 2016 Budget
Conservation	2,885	2,965	Recognition of investments
Insurance	6,145	6,689	Potential insurance increase
FERC Fees	1,706	1,658	Consistent with 2016 Budget
Other Admin & General	31,901	30,367	FTE vacancy rate adjustment
Total	165,626	162,157	(Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> - Budget Presentation)
2017-21 Business Plan		162,660	



## Non-Operating Activity

(in 000's)	Adopted Budget 2016	Prelim Budget 2017	Variance
Investment Earnings	6,977	8,014	Higher reserves & interest rate
Contribution Income	4,450	5,173	Confluence park contribution service upgrade
Interest Expense	(28,060)	(26,736)	Debt reduction strategy
Other Inc/(Exp)	(6,272)	(4,222)	Lower unassigned PPB
Total	(22,905)	(17,770)	(Nov 21 <sup>st</sup> - Budget Presentation)
2017-21 Business Plan		(17,804)	



## Key "Total Capital Project" Revisions\*

(in 000's)	Current	Revised	Change	Major Driver
RI-PH1 B1 Modernization		14,650	14,650	Project being initiated
RI-PH1 B2 Modernization		14,520	14,520	Project being initiated
RI-PH1 B3 Modernization		14,420	14,420	Project being initiated
RI-PH1 B4 Modernization		16,410	16,410	Project being initiated
RI-PH1 Intake Gantry Replace		4,373	4,373	Project being initiated
RI-PH2Storage Building		1,110	1,110	Project being initiated
RI-PH2 Gantry Crane	1,285	2,574	1,289	Expanded scope and revised
RI-PH2 Bridge Crane	1,720	2,870	1,150	engineer estimates
RR Generator Fire Protection		5,500	5,500	Project cost expectations currently under review
RR Fire Alarm System		1,115	1,115	Project being initiated
LMR Network Replacement	100	5,600	5,500	Project being initiated
Microwave Replacement	2,000	3,720	1,720	Project cost expectations
Telephone Switch Upgrade	600	1,821	1,221	currently under review

<sup>\* -</sup> Includes revisions >\$1M, excludes public power and recurring annual capital project activity 11/22/2016



## Combined Financial Policies 2017 Preliminary Budget

	Rate of Return <sup>1</sup>	Debt Ratio <sup>2</sup>	Combined Cover	Financial Liquidity
Base Case – expected (50% probability)	7.6%	38.5%	3.03	\$349M
Target	> 4%	< 45%	> 2.0x	>\$178M
Base Case – unusual (5% probability)	6.6%	38.7%	2.83	\$341M
Target	> 2%	< 45%	> 1.25x	>\$178M



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> - Associated with an expected bottom line of approximately \$84 million

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> - Includes the expected debt reduction of approximately \$52 million

## Business Line Financial Policies 2017 Preliminary Budget

	Rate of Return	Debt Ratio	Cover	Liquidity	Oper Exp Coverage
Integrated Electric Target	<b>7.7%</b> <i>4.1%</i>	<b>41.7%</b> < 45%	<b>2.9</b> > 1.9x	\$334 M \$174 M	n/a
Fiber & Telecom  Target	n/a	% < 35%	n/a	\$9.5 M \$2 M	<b>157%</b> > 120%
Water Target	n/a	<b>13.0%</b> < 35%	n/a	\$3.7 M \$1.25 M	139% > 120%
Wastewater Target	n/a	% < 35%	n/a	\$2.2M \$200 K	<b>106%</b> > 100% by 2019



## **Key Budget Assumptions**

#### Wholesale Revenue

- Average flows and current forward price curve
- Hedge program fully implemented
- Includes unit outage impacts
- Hydro fish spill consistent

## System Load Growth

- ~2% Electric (includes HDL impact)
- ~2% Water
- ~1.5% Wastewater
- ~1,000 new Premises Passed

#### Business Line Service Revenues

- New rate for High Density Usage rate class
- 2% change in Water rates
- 5% change in Wastewater rates
- Change in Fiber rate structure (revenue neutral)

## **Key Budget Assumptions**

Labor Bargaining Unit

- Collective Bargaining Agreement expires Mar 31
- Wages and benefits are to be determined

Labor Non-Bargaining Unit

- Budget includes assumptions for merit increases, market adjustments and promotions
- Final decisions will be informed by actual market data

Long-term cost-plus power contracts

- Debt Reduction Charge (DRC) 3.0%
- Capital Recovery Charge (CRC) 50%
- Assume Alcoa restarts Wenatchee Works

## **Key Budget Assumptions**

Capital & Operating Expenditures

- Driven by 2017-21 business plans
- 2017 expenditures are higher than 2016 but lower than forecasted in last year's budget process due to refinements in major asset investment schedules

Debt and Interest Income

- Net debt reduction of ~\$52 million
- Interest earnings estimated at ~1.6%

Public Power Benefit Investments

- Includes continuation of fiber expansion, Board selected projects & designated funding level
- Budget revisions will be processed to allocate any newly designated projects within 2017