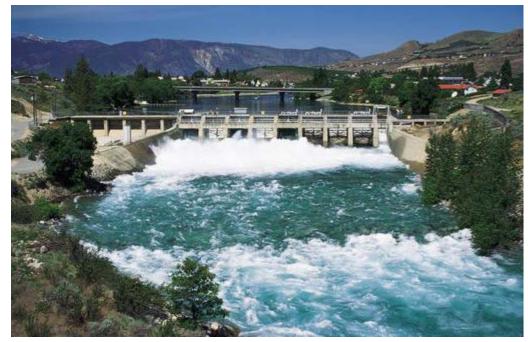




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## Chelan PUD Plans Forum With Intense Energy Users



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Chelan County PUD commissioners are calling for a public forum over intense users of energy, such as data centers and bit coin miners.

The agency's considering a new electricity rate for operations which use an unusually large amount of energy, known as 'High Density Loads".

Commissioner Ann Congdon notes the PUD wants to protect the overwhelming majority of residential and business customers.

She says "The main idea is to protect our other ratepayers, and to protect our existing strategic plan. We want to keep our rates low. We do not want to raise our rates."

The Chelan PUD intends to invite the intense energy users to the public forum, which will take place in early February.

The agency's considering a number of ways to deal with the High Density Loads, which negatively affect the power grid.

At the PUD's normally scheduled Monday meeting, Customer Service Director Andrew Wendell presented six themes for addressing the high intensity users.

They included "Grandfathering" existing High Density Users (HDL), considering changes to the rate structure, increasing upfront cost recovery, finding alternatives for implementing rates, limiting energy usage for HDL customers and creating a forum for further discussion of the proposed HDL rate.

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