




## Big-name fruit companies favor PUD rate proposal

WENATCHEE — Some of the biggest names in Wenatchee Valley tree fruit industry Monday spoke out in favor of a proposed higher electric rate for data center businesses that use ...

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**Ryan Schuyleman** Unless this "rate hike" is structured just right you'll drive away all tech industries. But, good old wenatchee, we can all just pick fruit and work in those fruit sheds..... hmmm wait, those fruit sheds that are going all high tech using energy hogging machines to sort their fruit?????

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**Beau Patterson** These data miners don't create jobs. They go wherever the power is cheap, as long as their servers can get cheap bulk power. They are parasites

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**Jerry Sargent** They don't create any jobs to speak of other than construction after the construction phase is done they employ five or 10 people tops yet they use more than a city is worth of electricity think about that.

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**Jason Wiegand** Not sure people know exactly what they are talking about. Jobs are created as well as the ongoing maintenance mostly performed by local contractors. Driving away tax revenue for the counties is not wise.

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**Javier Valdivia** I guess they don't new jobs or tax revenue..... Just keep driving jobs away... It's not like we need them

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**Tralana Coby** Why am I not surprised?

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Malachi Salcido sees the potential for the Wenatchee Valley to be a hub for entrepreneurs to develop emerging technologies without damage existing ratepayers, if Chelan County Public Utility District can find a more creative way to address the challenge of high-density loads rather than creating a significantly higher rate for those users.

Salcido and others involved in Bitcoin and blockchain technologies in the valley are hosting a public workshop on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. at the Confluence Technology Center to talk about the regional economic development potential.

(full story at [wwrld.us/salcidobitcoin](http://wwrld.us/salcidobitcoin))



Salcido makes the case against high-density rates

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**Beau Patterson** Unfortunately, these guys are gypsy parasites on the grid, and are here only because of our low rates. Just say no to power drain by grid parasites.

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