



PUD Considers Higher Rates for Big Power Users



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Big numbers of big names Wenatchee Valley area fruit businesses are speaking out in favor of a Public Utilities Commission plan charging higher electrical rates for big electrical usage customers.....like data centers and bit coin miners.

The fear is large-load users will strain the power grid and cause higher rates for all other current customers. The proposed rate for high density power customers would be more than 5 cents per kilowatt hour, up to three times higher than the PUD's existing commercial and industrial rates. About one dozen "bitcoin-mining" operations are thought to be the county.

The proposal is under consideration; an alternate plan from Dedicated Hosting Services suggests a survey be done to determine the true cost of high-power-usage customers.