An Enterprise of the Yakama Nation
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If converted to a Tribal economy, they become Tribal assets.

And Promote Tribal Economic Development and Jurisdiction
THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE "STATUS QUO" TO THE YAKAMA NATION

MAJORITY OF REVENUES LEAVE THE RESERVATION
ALMOST NO LOCAL CONTROL
NO ECONOMIC BENEFIT
LITTLE OR NO SAVINGS
ALMOST NO EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
= NO VALUE / NO COUNTER WEIGHT

"UNBALANCED"
Electrical Distribution on the Yakama Reservation 2005

- Benton REA: 21%
- Klickitat PUD: 4%
- Pacific Power: 5%
- Yakama Power: 0%
- U.S. Department of the Interior: 70%
Gross Electric Sales over 10 years

Yakama Nation Reservation

- PP&L: $223.4 M
- BREA: $43.9 M
- KPUD: $9.1 M
- $301 Million Dollars
- $25.1 M

WAGES SAVINGS TRIBAL VENDORS TRIBAL CONTRACTORS LEASES

← ← ← LEAVING THE RESERVATION ← ← ←
THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF YAKAMA POWER TO THE YAKAMA NATION

Existing electric companies serving on the Yakama Reservation

BALANCING “NEED” AND VALUE
16 AMW - This is the smallest amount of load that a utility can serve and still be able to have crews and trained personnel. Since the beginning, Yakama Power was about having access to the jobs that were here in the valley but never realized, and supporting jurisdictional control on the Yakama Reservation. This is done by providing services that people are wanting and have them sign contracts that create a consensual contract relation with remedy in the Tribal Court. In order to grow, we had to staff at 16 AMW and begin training, yet only see the revenue from the sales of kilowatt hours associated with our load growth.

Revenue - This is the gross receipts generated from the sale of electricity. As our electrical load growth continues to grow so does our sales. As Sales exceed 16 AMW, revenues exceed costs of operating the system allowing for growth of system, personnel, and reductions in debt.

Investment - The Yakama Nation has helped the utility along the path towards stability by assisting with Grants, Loans, Settlement Agreements, and Purchases. Many of these have been repaid by Yakama Power, all the while the Tribe has benefitted from the savings, employment, service, and energy efficiency projects.

Stability - The sweet spot where revenues exceed costs associated with providing service.
As you can see, Yakama Power with the assistance of the Yakama Nation has made great strides in acquiring the electrical infrastructure on the Yakama Reservation. If a sale of the existing utilities infrastructure can be arranged, the Tribe would be the dominant electrical provider.
Relative size of the 136 Utilities served by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA)
Our all native line crew.
Yakama Power Apprentices

Yakama Power employee who is enrolled Goshute, and is a meterman apprentice, is seen testing meters on a WECO board at Benton REA. Yakama Power now owns all of its own equipment to test our meters.

An enrolled Yakama groundsman, learns to climb at our yard. Below he watches the training at Camp Rilea where he will attend next year.

We send our lineman apprentices to the Union School at Camp Rilea on the Oregon Coast near Astoria. To graduate they must complete three of these two week courses with a grade of 80%.
6 Journeymen, 1 Hot apprentice, 2 Cold apprentices, and 1 grounds man. Enough for two crews.
Yakama Power’s new truck barn for our new trucks

Infrastructure costs for trucks, support equipment, warehouse, and tools could easily surpass 2.5 million for our crews.

Inventory costs depending on age of system and size could range from $500,000 to over a 1.5 million dollars.
Engineering
Electrical Distribution on the Yakama Reservation 2017

- Pacific Power: 68%
- Yakama Power: 29%
- Benton REA: 0%
- Klickitat PUD: 3%
FIBER OPTIC CABLE

Lasher spins two steel wires around the fiber and messenger wire, which provides the strongest solution.

Crew member pulls the lasher along the messenger wire to the next pole.

Crew pulls fiber off the reel

¼ inch steel messenger

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Fiber
Legends Casino Hotel Expansion

Yakama Power providing Cable TV, phone service, and high speed internet
"Power to the People"