



*Bringing the Power of good ideas Together.*

## A Discussion with the Central Asia Delegation

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# The First Meeting – 1947



**Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee**

**PN<sup>U</sup>CC**

# Our History

- Formed in 1947
- Common interest in Columbia River
- Supported federal dam construction
- Provided regional view of demand and supply



# Today's Structure

- 53 members – 3 groups
- Voluntary funding
- Board of Directors – 15
  - Technical committees – 2
  - Communication committee
  - Staff – 3
- Members do the real work





# Mission Statement

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“Bringing the Power  
of Good Ideas  
Together”

# What We Do

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Provide a **forum** for discussion and learning



**Communicate** about the electric power industry



**Address** current & future challenges

# Forum – Approach

- Members/staff bring issues to the table
- Talk among ourselves
- Bring in industry experts
- Share understanding
- Identify where we do and don't agree



# Forum – Focus

- Current and emerging topics
- Utility and industry-wide
- Regional and national policies





# Communicate – Approach

- Identify Key Messages

-  **Plan today.  
Power tomorrow.**  
promoting regional energy awareness

- Create materials for utilities
- Be a voice for members



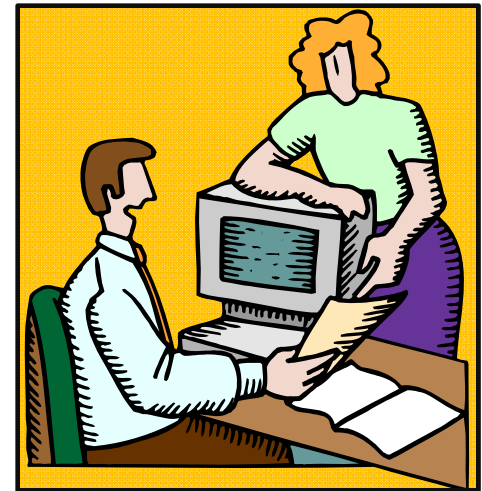
# Communicate – Messages

- Power needs are changing
- New/different technologies are the solution
- Rising costs are a challenge



# Technical Work – Approach

- Topics identified by members
- Rely on utility expertise
- Use PNUCC staff and consultants
- Present and publish
- May change practices



# Current Topics

- Use of natural gas for generation
- Assessing regional capacity needs
- Integrating wind power
- Smart Grid technologies
- Transmission needs
- Energy efficiency
- Columbia River Treaty





# Thank You...

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