

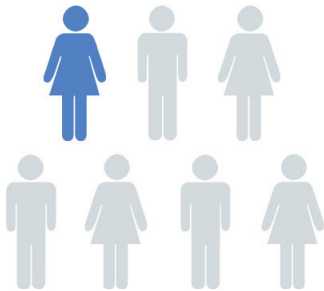
ABOUT PUBLIC POWER

Powering Strong Communities



Community-owned, not-for-profit public power utilities power homes and businesses in 2,000-plus communities across the country, including 63 in Oklahoma. From small towns to large cities, they safely provide reliable, low-cost electricity to more than 49 million Americans. These utilities generate or buy electricity from diverse sources. They employ 93,000 people and earn \$58 billion in revenue each year. Public power supports local commerce and jobs and invests back into the community.

By the Numbers



Across the U.S., 2,011 public power utilities power 49 million people in 49 states and five territories. Which means that 1 in 7 electricity customers are served by a public power utility. Public power serves large cities like Austin, Nashville, Los Angeles, and Seattle, as well as small villages, rural towns, and the Navajo tribal territory. Most public power utilities power fewer than 4,000 people.

Giving Back



Public power utilities are not owned by shareholders from other communities. They are owned by the customers being served, and the benefits flow back into the local community. In Oklahoma, where municipals are restrained by the ways in which they can raise revenue, electric sales can be the life blood of a city or town's operations. Transfers to the general fund pay for fire, police and other city services in Oklahoma Public Power communities.

Reliable



Customers of public power utilities lose power less often. Customers of a public power utility are likely to be without power for just 59 minutes a year, compared to customers of private utilities that may lose power for 133 minutes a year — provided there are no major adverse events. Linemen who restore power in Public Power communities live in those communities, shortening response time.

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Electricity from Diverse Sources



Public power generates 10 percent of all electricity in the U.S. and distributes — or sells at the retail level — 15 percent of all power flowing to homes and businesses.

Your utility's power supplier — the Oklahoma Municipal Power Authority — generates power from a variety of resources, including natural gas, coal, hydro and wind. OMPA even has a landfill-to-gas plant that uses methane to power homes.

The Community Connection



Like public schools and libraries, public power utilities are owned by the community and run as a division of local government. These utilities are governed by a local city council or an elected or appointed board. Community citizens have a direct voice in utility decisions and policymaking.

Public power infrastructure projects are often funded through the issue of tax-exempt municipal bonds. Public power utilities are embedded into the fabric of their communities and support a range of community programs including charitable, educational, and beautification programs. Nationally, public power utilities pay 5.6 percent of electric operating revenues back to the community — through taxes, fees, and special services.

Public power gives 33 percent more back to the community than private utilities.

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