

Working for Washington



📍 Non-Powered Dams with Potential Capacity

🕈 Supply Chain Companies 📍 Existing Hydropower



Hydropower in Washington



- Hydropower provides both electrical generation and employment opportunities to the residents of Washington.
- Companies including Avista Corporation, Chelan County PUD, Grant County PUD, PacifiCorp, Puget Sound Energy, Seattle City Light, Snohomish County PUD, and Tacoma Power have projects located in the state totaling over **21,000 MW** of renewable and reliable hydropower capacity.
- Hydropower supports supply chain companies in Washington include American Governor Company, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Eureka Software Inc., Long View Associates Inc., Stoel Rives LLP, URS Corporation, and Van Ness Feldman.
- Hydropower can be expanded by, among other things, maximizing existing infrastructure. There are 85 MW of potential capacity on non-powered dams in Washington¹ and 1 MW of capacity at conduit sites².

Hydropower Benefits Washington

- Hydropower provided approx. 78 million MWh of electricity to Washington in 2012; over 68 percent of all generation in the state and 90 percent of renewable generation.³
- Utilizing clean hydropower generation in Washington avoids over 53 million metric tons of CO₂ emissions; that's the same as saving over 6 billion gallons of gasoline.⁴
- Washington hydropower generation can power over 7,188,000 households per year.⁵
- With the right policies, the hydropower industry has the potential to create over 218,000 new direct, indirect, and induced jobs in the state.⁶
- As of September 2014, there were over 5,190
 MW of proposed hydropower capacity in Washington before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.⁷



Sources:

- ¹United States Department of Energy
- ² United States Bureau of Reclamation
- ³ United States Energy Information Administration
- ⁴ Environmental Protection Agency, Greenhouse Gas Equivalencies Calculator
- ⁵ United States Energy Information Administration (2012 Data)
- ⁶ "Job Creation Opportunities in Hydropower." *Navigant Consulting.* Sept 2009
- ⁷ Federal Energy Regulatory Commission