

Powering Rural Nevada

The Consumer-Owned Utility Difference

Joint Interim Standing Committee on Growth and Infrastructure

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Presentation Objectives

- 1 NREA Overview: What is a Consumer-Owned Utility?
- 2 Reliability
- 3 Affordability
- 4 Concern for Community



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NREA Overview

What is a Consumer-Owned Utility?



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Consumer-Owned Utility Organization

- **Electric Cooperatives**

- Direct Ownership of System by Member-Consumers
- Governed by an elected Board of Directors

- **Power Districts**

- Considered “General Improvement Districts” under Nevada Revised Statute
- Formed by county commissions and governed by an elected Board of Trustees

- **Municipal Utilities**

- Owned by local governments and governed by the City Council



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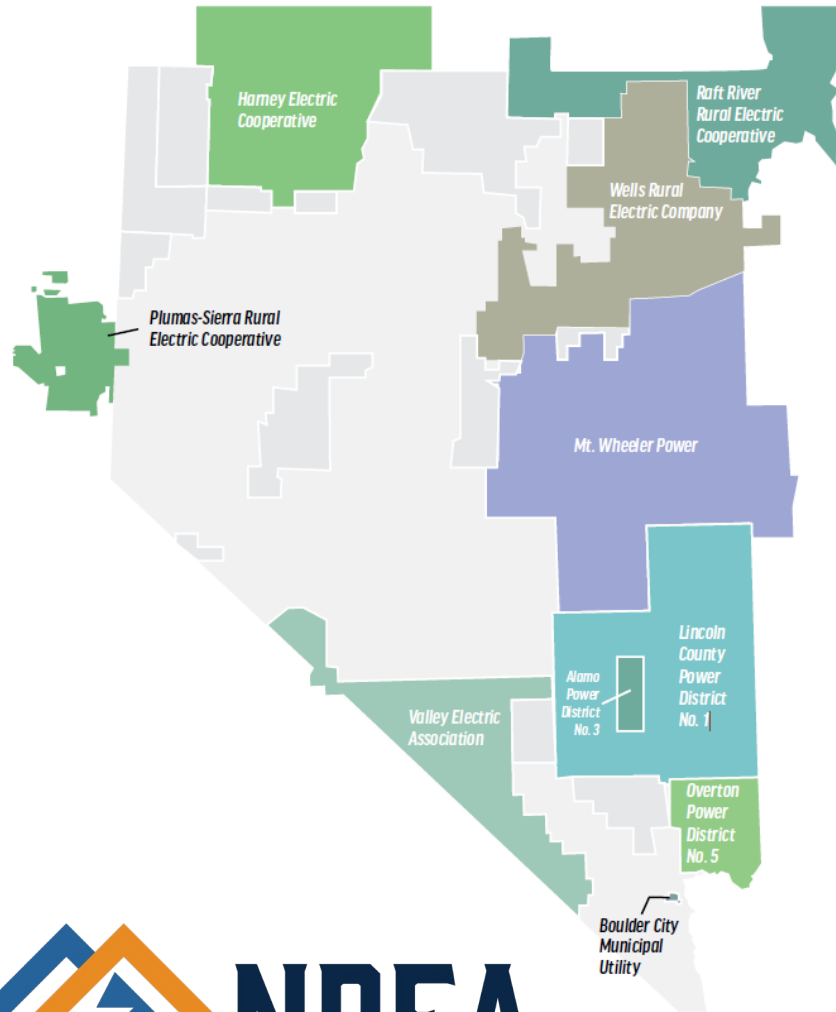
Guiding Principles

Consumer-Owned Utilities operate on a *Not-for-Profit* basis, are overseen by *Democratically-Elected* governing bodies comprised of members from the community, and emphasize *Reliability* and *Affordability* for their consumers.



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NREA Membership



General Members

- Alamo Power District No. 3 Alamo, NV
- Boulder City Municipal Utility Boulder City, NV
- Harney Electric Cooperative Hines, OR
- Lincoln County Power District No. 1 Panaca, NV
- Mt. Wheeler Power Ely, NV
- Overton Power District No. 5 Overton, NV
- Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative Portola, CA
- Raft River Rural Electric Cooperative Malta, ID
- Valley Electric Association Pahrump, NV
- Wells Rural Electric Co. Wells, NV

Associate Members

- Arizona Electric Power Cooperative Benson, AZ
- Deseret Power Cooperative South Jordan, UT

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Reliability

Keeping the Lights On for Rural Nevada



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Reliability

- Rapid Transformation
- Technological Innovation
- Electrification of the Economy
- Growth in Rural Communities



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Investments in the Future



NREA Member-Utilities are partnering with the State of Nevada and federal agencies to deploy infrastructure funding to the communities that need it most.



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Affordability

Ensuring Accessible Service



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Affordability

Residential and Small Business Programs

Energy Efficiency and Weatherization

Rebate Programs

Low-Income Assistance



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Concern for Community

Community Engagement and Giving



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Community Engagement



Safety
Training

Internship
Programs

Youth
Engagement



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Charitable Giving



Consumer-Owned Utility leaders are *vested members* of the communities that they serve.



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