

**RCW 19.29A.005 Findings—Intent.** (1) The legislature finds that:

(a) Electricity is a basic and fundamental need of all residents; and

(b) Currently Washington's consumer-owned and investor-owned utilities offer consumers a high degree of reliability and service quality while providing some of the lowest rates in the country.

(2) The legislature intends to:

(a) Preserve the benefits of consumer and environmental protection, system reliability, high service quality, and low-cost rates;

(b) Ensure that all retail electrical customers have the same level of rights and protections; and

(c) Require the adequate disclosure of the rights afforded to retail electric customers. [1998 c 300 § 1.]