
SENATE BILL 6065

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By Senators Saling and Stratton

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1 AN ACT Relating to public utility districts; amending RCW 54.16.030
2 and 54.16.040; and adding a new section to chapter 80.04 RCW.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 54.16.030 and 1955 c 390 s 4 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 A district may construct, purchase, condemn and purchase, acquire,
7 add to, maintain, conduct, and operate water works and irrigation
8 plants and systems, within or without its limits, for the purpose of
9 furnishing the district, and the inhabitants thereof, and any other
10 persons including public and private corporations within or without its
11 limits, with an ample supply of water for all purposes, public and
12 private, including water power, domestic use, and irrigation, with
13 (~~full and exclusive~~) authority to sell and regulate and control the

1 use, distribution, and price thereof subject to the jurisdiction and
2 control of the utilities and transportation commission.

3 **Sec. 2.** RCW 54.16.040 and 1955 c 390 s 5 are each amended to read
4 as follows:

5 A district may purchase, within or without its limits, electric
6 current for sale and distribution within or without its limits, and
7 construct, condemn and purchase, purchase, acquire, add to, maintain,
8 conduct, and operate works, plants, transmission and distribution lines
9 and facilities for generating electric current, operated either by
10 water power, steam, or other methods, within or without its limits, for
11 the purpose of furnishing the district, and the inhabitants thereof and
12 any other persons, including public and private corporations, within or
13 without its limits, with electric current for all uses, with (~~full and~~
14 ~~exclusive~~) authority to sell and regulate and control the use,
15 distribution, rates, service, charges, and price thereof, (~~free from~~)
16 subject to the jurisdiction and control of the utilities and
17 transportation commission, in all things, together with the right to
18 purchase, handle, sell, or lease motors, lamps, transformers and all
19 other kinds of equipment and accessories necessary and convenient for
20 the use, distribution, and sale thereof: PROVIDED, That the commission
21 shall not supply water to a privately owned utility for the production
22 of electric energy, but may supply, directly or indirectly, to an
23 instrumentality of the United States government or any publicly or
24 privately owned public utilities which sell electric energy or water to
25 the public, any amount of electric energy or water under its control,
26 and contracts therefor shall extend over such period of years and
27 contain such terms and conditions for the sale thereof as the
28 commission of the district shall elect; such contract shall only be
29 made pursuant to a resolution of the commission authorizing such

1 contract, which resolution shall be introduced at a meeting of the
2 commission at least ten days prior to the date of the adoption of the
3 resolution: PROVIDED FURTHER, That it shall first make adequate
4 provision for the needs of the district, both actual and prospective.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 80.04 RCW
6 to read as follows:

7 "Public service company" as used in this title includes public
8 utility districts.