

Public Power and the Road Ahead



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Strength in #s Nearly **2,000** public power utilities provide electricity to

55

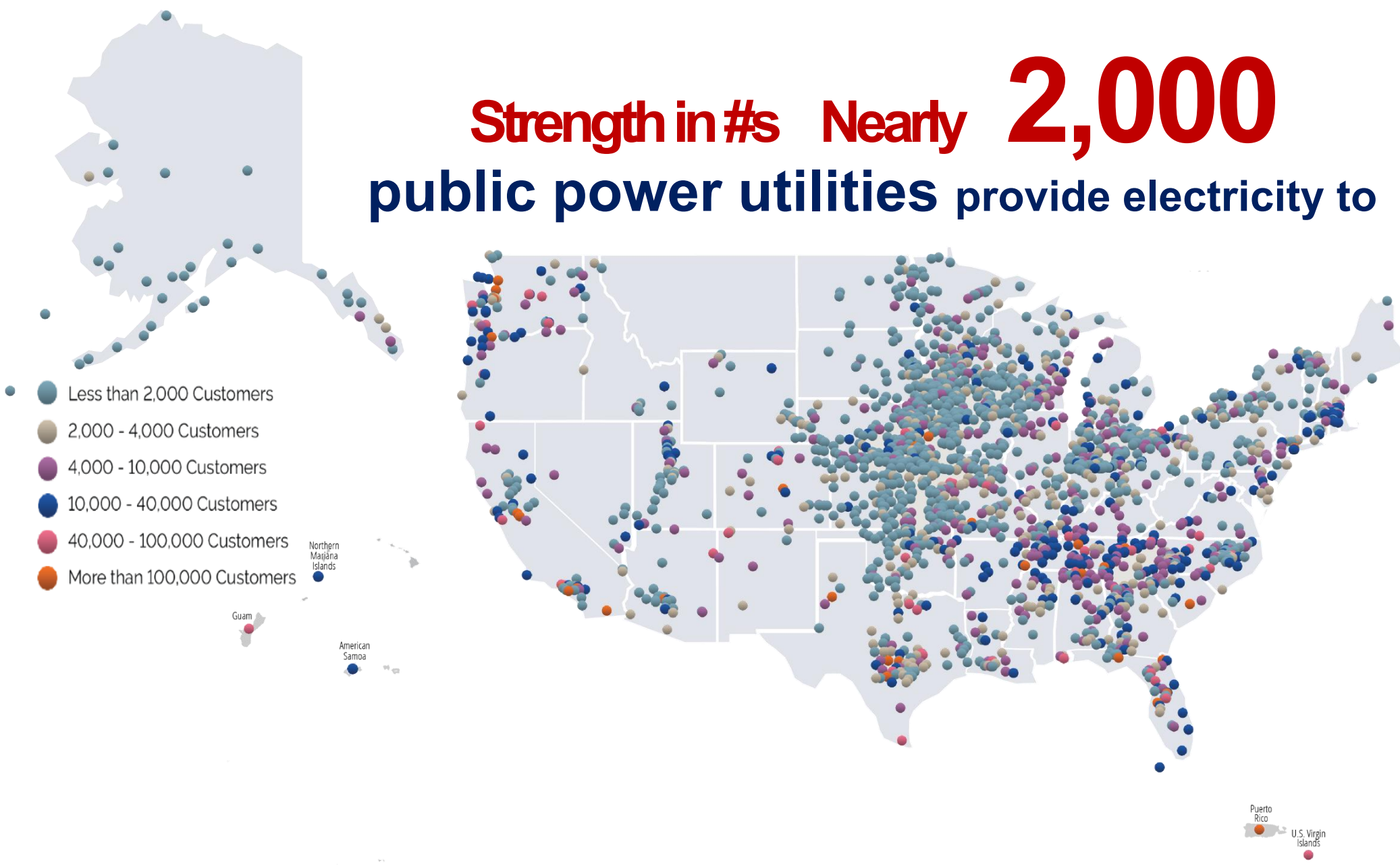
million people

49

states and

5

U.S. territories



Advocacy in 2025 – Affordability & Reliability Policy

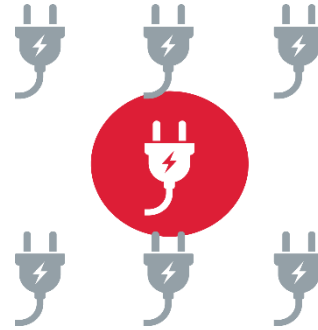
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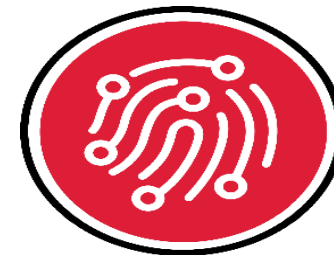
**Tax Exempt Financing
& Infrastructure**



**Permitting
Reform**



**Reliable/Affordable
Power Supply**



Grid Security

FEMA

Wildfire

Legislating and Regulating

- **Budget Reconciliation – outcomes for public power**
 - Tax Credits, Elective Pay, Foreign Sources
- Regulation and the Energy Dominance Agenda
 - Executive Orders
 - Repealing and Replacing
 - Opportunities - Permitting...



Continuing Challenges and Opportunities for a Secure, Reliable, Resilient Grid

- Policy and Resource Adequacy
- Load growth and AI
- Grid Transformation
- Extreme Events – Wildfires, Hurricanes, Others
- Physical and Cyber Security
- Gas-Electric Interdependence

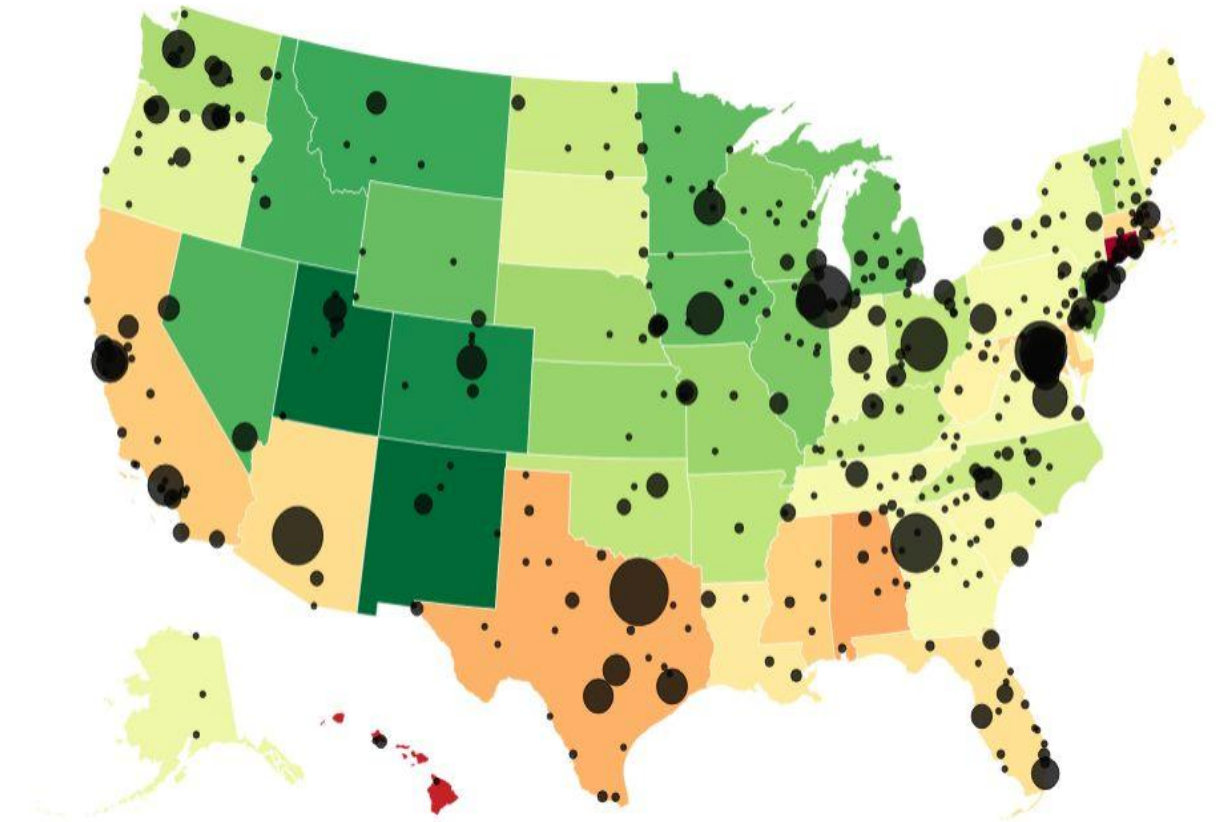


Growth and Innovation – Public Power Cases



Map Showing the Number of Data Centers in Each State

95.84 155.25 214.66
5 10



Sources: [DataCenterMap](#), [EnergyBot](#)

Addressing Trends – Meeting Challenges

**Distribution
Performance**

**Power Supply
Management**

**Financial
Health**

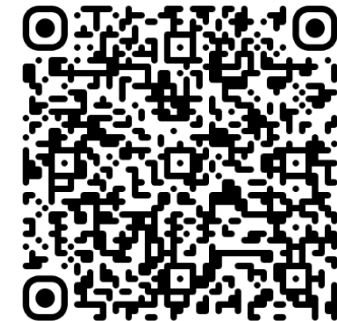
**Community
Engagement**

**Human Resource
Excellence**

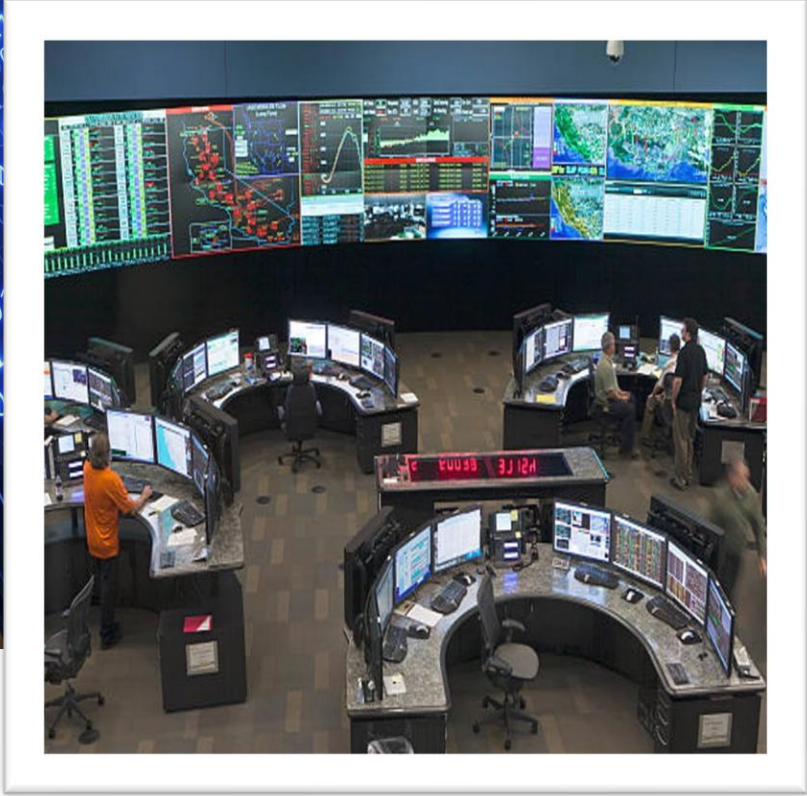
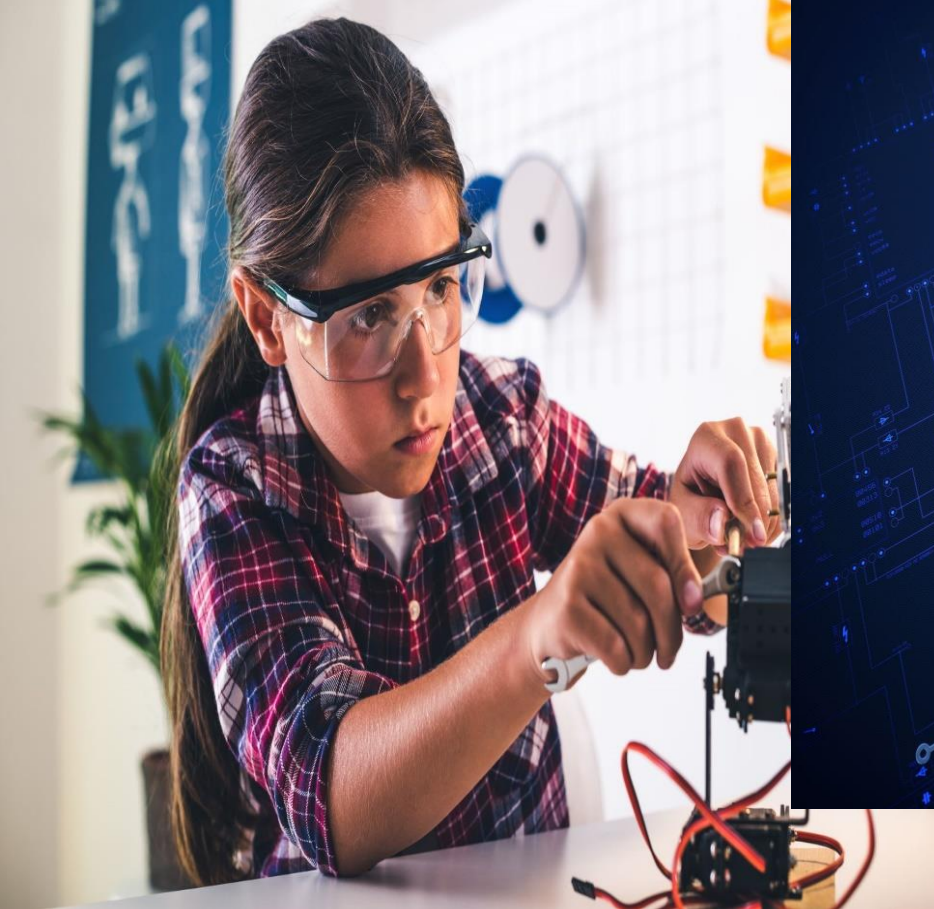
**Superior
Customer
Service**

**Public Power Forward – A Guide to Utility Operational
Excellence**

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Next Public Power Frontiers





Aiding Operational Excellence

Recognizing Excellence

Reliable Public Power Provider (RP3)

Smart Energy Provider program (SEP)

Safety Awards

Mutual Aid Commendations

eReliability Tracker

eSafety Tracker

Safety Manual

Risk Toolkit

Strategic Planning Guide

R&D funding (DEED)

Learning through info, training, and events...

Your Source

- Networking online: *Engage*
- Public Power Current *newsletter*
- Public Power Now *podcast*
- *Magazine, social media*
- Promoting Public Power site
- www.publicpower.org/about



- Major conferences coming up:
 - **Legal and Regulatory**
 - Oct 12-15 San Diego
 - **Customer Service/ Comms**
 - Nov 2-5 Salt Lake City
 - **Rodeo/Engineering and Ops**
 - Late March 2026 Huntsville, AL
 - **National Conference**
 - Late June 2026 Boston
- Virtual Webinars, Workshops, White Papers

Public Power: Stronger Together



"It's what you learn after you know it all that counts." - John Wooden

Questions?

"If your *why* is strong enough, you will figure out the *how*." – Bill Walsh

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