



What is a Public Power Utility?

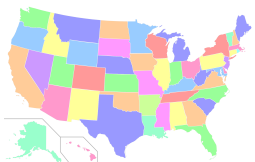


Templeton Municipal Light & Water Plant is proud to be a public power utility. Public power utilities are non-profit, community-owned, and locally operated electric systems. This means, public power utilities use all customer payments to invest back into their communities by providing low-cost electric services and meeting other community needs.



WHERE IS PUBLIC POWER?

- One in **seven** Americans are served by a public power utility.
- More than **2,000** communities – in **49** states and **5** U.S. territories – have a public power utility.
- In total, **10%** of electricity generated in the U.S. is from public power facilities.



Source: APPA

PUBLIC POWER IS RELIABLE

- On average, investor-owned utility customers are without power for **two hours and 20 minutes** each year, barring major events.
- The average public power customer is without power for less than **one hour** annually.



Source: APPA

PUBLIC POWER IS COMMUNITY-POWERED

The customers of public power utilities are the owners of that utility. Utility decisions are made to best fit the values and choices of the community. Public power utilities are governed by a light board and community members are invited to attend board meetings to voice their opinions.



PUBLIC POWER UTILITIES WORK TOGETHER

Public power utilities participate in **mutual aid** programs. This means public power utilities work together to help surrounding towns regain power. In widespread outages, public utility crews are sent to surrounding towns to help restore power, whether the outage areas are served by public power utilities or investor-owned utilities.



PUBLIC POWER IN MASSACHUSETTS

- Public power utilities in Massachusetts serve approximately **380,000** customers in all or parts of **48** cities and towns with a total population of about **850,000**.
- In total, public power utilities deliver about **13%** of the electricity used in the state.



Source: MMWEC