

Appendix B

Do you think high-speed Internet capability is necessary for Pend Oreille County? Why or Why not?

Don't have / use a computer
beneficial to business and home owners
nice, but not necessary for PUD to provide
we don't need it
only if affordable and reliable
beneficial to business
Interesting comments

I am a very poor person to fill out this survey, I don't have a computer and don't intend to have one.

Yes and I believe it would be beneficial to businesses especially and also to home owners because there would be a whole lot less time spent waiting for your PC to boot up.

It makes the county more attractive to business and new people moving in.

Better communications.

Probably under protest.

Yes, we need to advance and be more progressive. I get tired waiting up to 5 minutes to get on the internet-then only to be kicked off!!!

No, if we have the cheapest electricity in the state, and businesses don't take advantage of it, high speed internet probably won't matter either.

No.

Yes

If it was affordable and reliable, I would use it - but I mean RELIABLE and AFFORDABLE! Not more than \$50 a month. It would be nice but not necessary for home use.

Yes, would save a lot of time wasted by waiting.

Yes. We need to stay current with what the rest of the country has.

Yes! We need to be in touch with others with high speed and be able to surf the net at greater speed.

Yes, to keep up with the rest of the state.

If the county wants to attract an outside class of people to grow, it needs the infrastructure that people are used to in more developed counties.

PO County needs it to keep pace with the rest of the state.

Yes, it will bring business and therefore jobs to PO county and particularly cities. We live in a rural area and connect at 26 KBPS average which makes it difficult to buy and sell on E Bay-We boon Dockers need high speed too. How about WIFE hotspots for rural areas?

No comment.

Yes, be more progressive.

Don't use it.

Yes, to keep up with the changing world and not be in the dark ages.

Not sure-do not own a computer.

It will contribute to economic stability and sustainability.

Yes. We need to stay current with what the rest of the country has.

Anything to interest businesses coming to the county.

Don't know.

No computer.

Yes for business but mostly just a nice convenience for homes.

No, but it is nice to have.

I feel that our current system is inadequate and they have a captive audience.

Yes, attract new business. Work from home etc.

Yes-to bring more business to our town.

No.

I do not own a computer. I don't trust the internet. If I had more knowledge of its use, maybe I would be more interested in the service. See #14.

Yes, for education and business.

No opinion.

Yes, certain business functions and software require hi-speed hookups.

Yes, to keep up with current trends.

Yes, to draw new business to the area and provide jobs.

Yes, this valley is remote. High speed will provide the opportunity to connect to the rest of the world. This is a beautiful valley to work from home.

I now have POTC through Pend Oreille Telephone Company and it is increasingly slow. If I am discouraged by the slowness and cannot afford high speed connection this is much harder on our area students who must use the computer for homework and research.

Not necessary. Too many people cannot afford to pay for any of it.

Yes, it is the modern way to keep up with the progress of the western world.

No.

No - this is a depressed area.

It would promote and encourage business to locate in all areas of the county, especially small independent business.

No, not necessary.

Yes - many small businesses and homeowners with home businesses would clearly benefit. Also, area schools could provide more and better educational classes, programs, etc. to more county patrons.

Necessary to be competitive.

Probably for economic development.

Necessary isn't the best choice of words.

No. The money could be better spent on providing services to the lower income customers.

Yes, for convenience and emergencies.

Yes - it would encourage new business - which is needed.

Yes, it is what people are demanding. They will go elsewhere. My friend and I have the same size modem. They are 1/2 mile from us. They get things up faster than I. Our lines are old up on Lehigh Hill. I pay the same price and run at 1/2 of speed of them.

Yes. We need to stay current with what the rest of the country has.

Yes, to stay in step with the rest of the world.

Good for business

I don't know.

Definitely - it takes forever to navigate this net, with much lost productivity.

No! This is an added expense with no advantage to me.

NO! All one hears is "we need more jobs-bring in more business. It is time to slow growth and think about QUALITY of life.

Too many fixed income citizens - Hi unemployment in this area seems that the added costs would be an added hardship for the majority.

Not interested at this time.

If for no other reason - Progress!

NO. I think our PUD should stick to electricity and let private enterprise handle the internet.

No. there are other things need in PO first.

Not "Necessary" but, it might help recruit some businesses to move here.

It's good for people that use it.

I don't know anything about it.

No. It is already available to those who want it and pay for it.

We, as of now, don't have a computer but our friends that do say that's one of the problems, too slow.

Yes - particularly to bring in additional business.

Yes! So much is available with this including an alternative to the phone company! They need some competition!
Phone rates and services are too high!

Yes, if we intend to keep up with the rest of the world.

No unless you're a business which need higher speed for their computers.

Yes - to keep us up to the 21st century

No

Yes for those who want it.

Necessary? No we can live without it. Desirable? Most definitely.

An absolute requirement for business development, retention and encouragement. Phone company DSL is not competitive, they are technically incompetent.

It may be necessary from the standpoint that the longer you wait, the more expensive and difficult it may be.

No - Not by PUD.

Yes, Business need high speed connectivity to effectively handle customer needs, especially in the high-tech business we're in, with customers all over the world. We could move our business to Newport if reliable high-speed was here.

Don't know-have no knowledge to base on.

Yes - Business attraction.

Depends on majority.

With the expected increase in utility costs, Pend Oreille County will be hard pressed to attract new businesses or residents. I have lived here over 10 years and have not seen any appreciation in property values since I arrived. Pend Oreille County is stagnant.

Keep up with the changes.

No opinion.

Yes - we live in a world market and the internet is the key to information and communication.

Yes, we need to keep up with current trends and demands.

Not necessary, but desirable.

Would be nice to attract more businesses to the area.

This capability would offset our relative isolation and make our area more desirable for self-employed individuals as well as businesses of any size that would want to come here.

You need to get high speed for a lower cost.

Only necessary if we want to be part of the global economic community.

Could be good for future businesses.

I think it would be a great attraction for business and residents.

No.

Yes. It is the future, NOW!

The regular internet we have is inadequate.

Yes, to keep up with downloads necessary to keep software up to date.

I think high-speed is/would be welcomed, but, as you know, many peoples are: retired - disabled - on a fixed income and cannot/would not be able to afford the high cost of implementing into their homes, the high-speed.

Yes - attract more business with new jobs.

Increased business opportunities, convenience using the internet, less damage to computers involving gunfire!

Yes, to keep up with the computer world in a remote area.

High speed internet capability is an expensive process our population can not support. Growth will never finance the cost before obsolescence out dates the effort!

Yes for businesses and schools.

Yes - more people are coming PO Co, that are used to high speed internet. My children come home and expect to conduct business from our house . Our children are scattered - Korea, Idaho, Colorado, western Washington - and we like the wireless and use a video phone but it isn't quite fast enough for a good picture - but we like it.

Yes. We must keep up with the times. I'm 81 and wife 75. We can't fall too far behind.

Neutral comment.

No.

I don't think it is right to expect people not using a service to pay for it.

Not really. The internet is just fine the way it is.

I cannot answer the questions due to the fact - I don't have a computer.

To keep up with the rest of the country.

Yes - to help bring higher paid jobs and educated people.

Doing business on the internet is important - I would love to see high speed internet on HWY 211!! I know it's on 20 and Kalispell tribe has it.

Yes, you have to keep moving with the times.

Yes - growth.

Bring new business to Pend Oreille County.

Computers are going into to much information and will be the death of us all.

Not really. There is already enough nerds wasting time and money playing games on computers.

Yes. To keep up with today's needs.

High speed internet is the way of the future. If we want to deep up with progress, we must have it very soon.

It is quicker to drive to the library and down load there than is currently available to my home. Businesses have to have better service. The phone company is not competent at other technologies.

Phone company too slow.

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Absolutely.

It may be necessary in certain urban places. As a resident of a rural county I don't expect urban services to be provided! I don't consider it a "utility".

Yes - attract business and residents.

No.

Yes. In my case, I do mortgage lending and I send very large email attachments with the financial documents from my mortgage customers. I absolutely need high speed.

Yes - it's time for Pend Oreille County to catch up with the rest of civilization! (And our current service provider-monopoly holder - could use some healthy competition.)

No. There is too much emphasis on the internet and computer speed. I don't believe it will bring good jobs to PO County.

I assume it must be. I have no idea about what broadband is!

Would increase much more versatility.

Yes there are a lot of people who can not get out much. Almost every household has a computer, internet is a great source of income (can be) and find many things out there.

Yes.

Yes! How can we advance into the future without it? It is a no brainer as far as we are concerned.

Yes. Comment: If the PUD continues to pursue this misuse of PUD funds, a lawsuit against the Commissioners and General Manager are in order.

Yes to keep up with other areas.

No, not enough cash base in county to support a system. Those who want a high speed system not dependent on phone company or PUD can go with a satellite internet and pay for it themselves.

Neutral - we don't use the internet.

Only for those who think they need it.

We are a county that has lot of people who don't want any development at all. Yet with 80-20 ratio in public versus private land, it can never super boom. The people don't even want us to get back to employment of 1970's

Don't know.

No. We don't miss what we don't have, and it would ultimately be paid for by the working community.

For increased business attraction, yes, but for individual homeowners, no.

No answer.

Yes. Because it would be a step towards the future for Pend Oreille County.

It's the way of the future.

No. Pend Oreille County is doing just fine without it.

No.

I don't have internet.

Neutral.

I DO NOT USE COMPUTERS - DO NOT BELIEVE IN THEM - THEY HAVE TAKEN THE PEOPLE OUT OF PEOPLE.

Can not run an office or business without.

No, but it would be an asset!

Don't have internet and don't plan on getting one.

Yes, for educational and business purposes.

I could care less as long as I don't have to pay for someone else.

Yes - rural area need support for small businesses to survive. The internet is needed to support small business and high speed is essential!

I'm 90 years old and I don't need high speed anything.

No. It is an option.

Yes, they have cable right over the county line, why not in our county.

For those who would and could use it I guess it would help them.

Yes, it allows those of us in outlying areas the ability to use the internet. The services provided by POTC are to say the least inadequate, and not worth the cost, as well as slow, poor service, and or frequent NO SERVICE.

Yes, that's progress.

No, satellite access work here.

We don't know what broadband is, or would do for us, or why we would need it. If it frees the phone line, it would be worth a small amount.

Yes, but not critical, I don't want big business here and crime and all that comes with it.

I don't think PO county can support an internet (high speed) on it's own. It will wind up utility services will be paying for something only a few will be using.

This should be addressed by year around home owners in the area.

I would like to have the option but cost would be very important to me. It is merely a convenience so if it cost too much I wouldn't be interested.

Yes - for business use.

ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. We cannot compete with the rest of WA without high speed, redundant internet available to all businesses and all homes!! My husband and I conduct business from home offices - We may have to move if we can't get high speed at home.

I don't need it, therefore, I don't want to pay for it. I only use it 1-2 times a week!

No-if it raises the electric bill for everyone. This area is an area of people on SSI, TAN IF, retired and low income or unemployment.

I believe it will be necessary to keep abreast of future progress.

Will help all aspects of living in a rural area; sales, banking, keeping in touch with people, communications, purchasing.

Yes, to create more jobs.

I don't need it. But many could use it.

Don't know.

n/a

No! Beyond convenience of server, no worthwhile purpose.

High speed is necessary - why? Because its like going from horse and buggy to the auto.

I don't own a computer. On fixed income.

Not using the internet. I don't know.

Yes.

To grow and attract future business.

We don't have a computer. Can't afford such luxuries.

No opinion at this time.

Should be determined by the market.

Yes - our internet service POVN is not working well for us for the past year.

Yes. Today's internet community makes high speed access almost imperative for efficient business productivity, ultimately saving time and money. This service would have a very positive impact on the county overall.

I believe the internet is a boon to mankind wherever we are and broadband is icing on the cake.

High speed connection is necessary for Pend Oreille. It is a tool, not of the future but here AND NOW!! It would build better jobs and improve property values, which improve property tax income to the county.

It is a disadvantage not to have broadband. Sandpoint and Spokane have this service and it makes business easier.

Neutral.

Not at my expense.

Depends on the cost and who pays for it.

Not necessary, but beneficial to business - luxury for others. Dial up is adequate but unreliable at present.

Yes - we are being left behind by our inefficient dial up.

Yes

The future is high speed internet for businesses and government services. It has doubtful value to 96% of home usages, except the possible 4% of us scientific number crunchers.

Let's let a private source do the high speed internet and keep out of the competition with private enterprise.

Yes, I believe some are in need of and are willing to pay the extra for it.

Necessary - no. Necessary for progress - Yes!

No - it is a convenience. Competition may required it.

All of the circled numbers has to do with high speed which I am ignorant of.

To be able to compete with and interconnect with other entities.

High speed is a convenience. Local providers offer various levels of high speed and I believe in free enterprise.

Yes! The educational spectrum would be broadened, and the county service would be on par with the status quo!

Necessary for the county but not mandatory for all who use.

Yes, because I'm not a very patient person.

Simply another infrastructure project: like a highway, phone lines.....

Yes, all businesses need high speed connects now a days. If the county wants to attract businesses, for the jobs we need, then high speed connections will help. But power costs is just as important.

I really do not have an opinion - I have lake property in Pend Oreille but live in Spokane Co.

If you use it - charge for it! At our home in Spokane, we go the cheapest route.

Could help business and population growth.

I think the PUD should stick to the electricity and forget about the internet.

Yes because it's going to keep us up with technologies and that could possibly attract businesses if we have those kinds of things to offer them.

The people who need it are using it now.

N/A don't know.

To be attractive to business and enhance or maintain the economic vitality of the county.

Yes - for business use.

It would help everyone - but cost is definitely a factor in our area.

Primarily for business. In today's world - a business must have H.S.I. At the very least to compete and be viable.

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PO County has to join the rest of the state and country with internet capability. Business and home businesses need to compete with the rest of the state.

Yes I do. Can get to where I want to go on the internet faster instead of waiting. Shouldn't have to with the high tech of today. Need to catch up with the world.

Yes - education for students, business needs, staying up with bigger communities - way of the future.

Then people can work out of their homes.

Yes - it's part of the future and PO County shouldn't be left behind.

Yes. It will attract businesses. It will keep us from falling behind.

As a business who caters to overnight visitors, the usage of internet will only increase.

Yes for business support.

High speed internet is already available through Direct-Way.

The PUD has enough problems with the relicensing problem and probable rate increases without more.

I believe so. There are people who would rather live in Spokane just for that purpose.

Yes, because the service provider we do have that is a local number access has many many problems - slow, virus problems, etc.. There is no competition. To change to a high speed is too expensive.

Definitely we need high speed access. Waiting on data @ 26.4 Kb is stone age. High speed could entice high tech industries. The United States pays more for high speed access than do other countries. Monopoly????

Do not have my computer here in Pend Oreille County.

For faster internet capabilities rather than slower dial up,

Keep up with the times and technology.

Yes, we need it to move forward and keep abreast of things in this fast paced world. Coming from the hills of PO County is not a compliment.

Yes, I think for business and students.

I think it's beneficial for businesses, those who want it but "necessary" for the entire county is questionable.

For those who want/need it - yes. For others - no.

Don't know.

Don't care as long as it does not cost those that don't have computers pay.

Neutral.

Don't know.

Probably to those who have internet.

Yes because of distance between businesses and workers.

No, keep to your business of electricity. PUD is the least reliable power service that we have ever had. We have lived in many other places and states and PUD is the most unreliable.

Yes if we want to build business infrastructure.

Yes

Desirable - yes. Necessary - no.

No. Don't own a computer.

Yes, I do not have any reliable internet service. Quest does not have EQ in place at this time in my area.

Don't know.

Current internet service is unreliable, substandard and lacks adequate support (POTC). If people in a rural and remote area such as PO County are to keep abreast of and compete with the rest of the world, we would benefit greatly from high speed internet access.

Yes the old analog lines on the east side of the river are outdated and slow.

Yes - to attract people who will buy property for businesses who want to move here.

Yes, providing all citizens equal access.

Yes, to keep up with technology.

Yes for business now and for attracting future business.

No! Beyond convenience of server, no worthwhile purpose.

Not really necessary outside of business.

I think if it is not necessary at this time, it will eventually become necessary. As a non-business owner, I would probably use it very little if at all unless the price is very reasonable. I think the businesses of the county would benefit the most and as technology increases, they will be needing it more as time goes by.

NO

Yes to keep up with the rest of the country.

N/A don't know.

Low density is rural settings. Up grade areas with needs only.

Neutral.

As a realtor many clients from out of area inquire if high speed internet is available. I could work more from my home office with this service.

I am retired and can live without a computer, but those in business probably need it to make lots of money fast.

Yes, it means that the internet would be a useful tool in comparison to a fun toy (slow and not so useful). The internet is so advanced that a slow service makes it impossible to use effectively.

Not necessary - but very desirable. I heard Walla Walla has the largest Wi-Fi in America. Have you considered this?

This is a luxury not a necessity. I can still get info off the internet. Don't underestimate competition moving in.

Yes. We are a growing county and it will help us as well as someone in Spokane or Seattle.
50% of people can't use it. Too many people play with it! Cable is good and getting better!
I have no opinion. I do not have a phone line in Pend Oreille County and use my property there infrequently.
No, it would be a burden on the tax payer and a bad toy for the kids.
It's easier to do things on the computer - saves time and money.
Not necessary, but I would like to have it. It takes a long time to access internet and to download files.
Ours is too slow.
Yes as some business and people use it.
Yes, growth is always good.
As the city of Spokane grows ever closer to us, we need to be ready to accept that growth in all aspects.
Yes - more year around people who consider Pend Oreille County for living.
Yes. Need to keep up with technology.
Most of the customers live in rural areas and do a lot of shopping on internet. If high speed internet is open to the public it should not be limited to city limits.
Yes, allows us to maintain choices (scope, pace, etc..) regarding economic development.
If they want it, they should pay for it. Not the rest of us who don't have it or don't want it.
Yes - for future ability to keep up with progress.
Some people or businesses may deem it necessary but probably the majority of people in PO Co. don't even use computers.
Would be nice but bet expensive.
No not for home use. Business might need it.
No. Don't own a computer.
The county is attractive to many people who would like to live here, and work form home. Currently the only high speed internet option is satellite, which has been unsatisfactory due to slow speeds and reception problems.
Don't know.
Yes.
Keeping current with technology is essential for all in the county.
Yes.
No. Dictionary definition of "NECESSITIES" - 1. A very strong need or requirement. 2. A thing (or things) you can not live without.
Yes, I want high speed at our river place. I may retire up there. High speed is the future and is needed now with all the data, photos, and pictures being transmitted. It brings the world closer.
Yes - to get on the same wave as the rest of the world. Of course there are a lot of areas without. But we need an industry in the lone-MF area. These towns and businesses need support financially.
Yes, it would encourage business to move to the area, when homes are being looked at one of the first questions is can we get high speed internet at this home?
Yes, for some, it's the only and excellent means of communication.
It is not for me, my cabin is seasonal, I do not run any computer out of my house.
With so much, and so many information systems and information dependent on the internet now, it is a hindrance for some not to have it. Certain businesses may not be able to locate here without it.
No.
No - My reason for building a retirement home is to slow down from the present rat race of work and hurry hurry all of the time - No thanks.
Yes - to keep abreast of the rest of the world.
High speed internet is/will be necessary for 21st century living. We should plan and begin implementing now so as not to fall behind economically. Do we want Pend Oreille County to be known as a "third world" and worse yet, do we want it to become like one?
Yes, I believe it helps in the education of our children, they are not "left behind" because of where they live.
It should be made available to anyone in any county in Washington State. Especially out lying area's still on analog phone systems where they don't have a choice.
At some point - YES

No - and if so then users should foot the bill.

Yes - to keep abreast of upgrading.

My thought would be free WI-FI in Newport for now - then wait for the new tech that will have high speed over the power line so everyone could use it.

Yes.

In urban areas only to promote business. Rural areas as needed for home use.

Yes - will bring in small and home businesses.

Yes - everyone should have it.

Yes - Makes area attractive to new business.

Yes, for building infrastructure for business.

Don't know.

Not necessary - not a necessity in PO County - but a luxury.

No, some people live in PO County due to the fact that it's area does not rely on "high speed" society and daily general life and things may be better enjoyed at slow and easy going speeds.

No. It will not bring jobs to PO County.

Probably - however - I do not think non users should have to pay the bill.

Yes, but I worry about besides the cost to get it and keep it, it will increase land taxes, etc.. This is a low income county.

Yes, we need to be able to keep up with the rest of the world. We don't even have voice mail.

I don't know enough about it but I'm not interested in paying for it if I don't use it. Those that use it should pay for it. We don't need higher electric rates.

It's coming and you should be prepared. Residents who don't need or use it shouldn't be billed.

Yes. Do you still use the horse and buggy for primary transportation?

I don't use it.

Only if it can be paid for by the people who use it. Example: I need a new car. Should you pay for it? Or should my neighbors?

Absolutely! The very nature of this county's demographics splits communications in half! A county inclusive service is a must.

Yes, we must become more competitive if we are to rise above the economic depression of the area.

The world is now relying on instant information and services. I spend up to 6 hrs daily online. A lot of that time could be cut if I didn't have to wait for it to load up!

Yes for the folks that need it.

Sounds like another "pie in the sky" idea. And, who pays for it if it doesn't attract significant new business?

Desirable but not necessary.

Especially in outlying areas.

Yes, but I think only those who use it should pay.

It is necessary or Pend Oreille County will be left in the stone age. Now, why don't you provide some of these services to the people in the southwest part of the county?

Don't know - don't care.

Yes - rural does not and should not be confused with backward. I have students who use it, plus internet shopping, including local (Spokane) stores.

Yes - to provide access to information for families and business.

Yes, to keep us with current technology.

Don't know because we are not there year around. If full time people/businesses need it, I wouldn't want to keep them from it. We only have a cell phone so far and are not yet connected to internet.

Yes, I've had to have "Direct way" install their high speed internet satellite dish to currently get acceptable internet speed, it's expensive and vulnerable to inclement weather. My household uses internet for pleasure and business regularly working remotely from home.

Yes - it would give PO County more appeal to homeowners and businesses.

It is necessary for those that feel they need it.

It is time that the more rural areas have the same modern communications access as the cities.

We need to be able to "keep up" with the rest of the high-tech business world.

Yes.

Yes I do. I think the phone company has a monopoly on the internet service. I disagree with that. I also think those of us who use the phone internet do not get what we pay for. We use it because it is all we can use up here and we can't afford much more.

Current capabilities too slow.

Yes, time is valuable and the ability to do business quickly is necessary!

Yes, it's needed to attract business and income to our area.

Yes, to keep up with the demand and to have all that is tech possible.

Yes. To attract business. It's fast becoming part of the necessary infrastructure for communities.

We do not have a computer or even a land line.

Yes - but isn't that usually the concern of private companies like POVN or telephone service providers? Why a public utility?

Yes, speed communications.

See #14

Yes! The economic development of all rural areas can be enhanced by dependable high speed communications. The country is now high speed communications based, and PO County needs to stay current with technology development. Such infrastructure can provide a source on income for rural residents without further impacting our natural resources and environment.

Yes, it is. Wish that we could afford a computer.

Maybe.

This is questionable.

Yes, to keep PO County competitive with surrounding areas.

We have the ability on our computer but not available. Don't know enough about it to be informing for you.

It will encourage growth both in population and businesses to include internet related companies.

Don't know.

Yes, without it businesses will not find your area attractive.

Yes, it would encourage business and got to stay up with technology to stay competitive.

Good for business now, more useful for average person in the future.

Yes, Newport needs to catch up with the world with it's technology. The world is changing.

Yes - encourage business growth.

Don't know.

Don't know.

Yes, because it would probably be good for new business, but why is the PUD trying to provide.

Don't know.

Yes, but only if provided by a private, tax paying business.

There are many activities I cannot participate in at home because of lack of broadband services, I.e. video conferencing, video conversations with deaf friends and family.

Yes! Times are changing. It's the age of digital.

Yes - In rural areas a lot of people telecommute.

Definitely Yes! Personal and business use. Online commerce, telecommuting, e-mail, web hosting. Especially helpful in rural areas to reduce commutes to Spokane and Newport. Promotes environment for high tech and telecommuting business growth in PO County.

Yes.

Yes because no one likes the internet service available in Newport.

For hospitals, emergency services and the like! There are a lot of higher priorities we should be worried about in Pend Oreille County.

No - I believe people are in too much of a hurry for everything and expect instant results.

High speed internet would definitely be beneficial so much business and communication is done online. I'm not sure that it's absolutely necessary.

Not necessary but would be nice.

High speed internet is good for some business and people who use the internet a great deal.

Yes, it is necessary. It is eventual, it has to be done. As the county becomes more affluent, the residents need to benefit.

Yes, why not?

We need businesses in North Pend Oreille County. Could be more attractive to this end with high speed.

Because it would increase business, work for citizens and convenience.

Doing just fine with quality of life in the county. That's why I live here and not California or elsewhere. Let's not change it, those that want change should go back where they came from and leave us and our cost of living alone!

No, the porn that comes over it.

More modern lifestyle and capabilities, Business more knowledgeable and competitive.

NO

Yes, I agree, however, the people that use it should pay for it. No one else should have to pay for it. We have to many people on fixed income who can't afford anymore bills.

Probably in the city. The county is mostly rural and not that prosperous.

Don't know?

I think that it is important for Pend Oreille County to be comparable to other counties in this regard. Personally - I would LOVE to have a faster connection!

No opinions.

No - would not use it.

NO

Yes

Not necessary.

Yes, internet is vital to everyone's future.

Yes, people in our county deserve fast connections and access to the information that many other places have - also - it is necessary; part of technical evolution.

The internet is here to stay, we should try and stay current.

Don't know.

Yes, for business.

Necessary - no, desired - yes.

Yes - would help people with "at home" businesses who rely on the internet.

Yes - unless it will soon be available via satellite - does it required laying tons of cable to remote areas? If so, I can't see doing it as fast as technology is developing.

I would like it if it is affordable.

ABSOLUTELY!

Possibly make it more attractive to business.

We don't have a computer so can't really agree or disagree with most of these questions.

Yes! The county is seeing a steady influx of people moving here and any business needs high speed connectivity to be competitive anymore. I work out of my house and move large data packages fairly steadily. I currently use an air card then Verizon Wireless because my phone speed is inadequate.

It just might be necessary but I'm not informed enough to make this decision for the whole county.

Yes. Community growth.

I don't really need high speed internet. I use my internet off/on biweekly.

Yes as many people do business online. Can it promote more business.

I don't have internet.

Neutral. Not at my expense. I don't use a computer.

Yes, to bring in more business, building, people etc. The more people using the less the cost?!

We don't have a computer and all of this is new to us - would like to get one someday.

NO - NOT TO BE PROVIDED BY PUD. Do not diversify - stay with electricity only. (See Montana Power)

Don't know.

Yes for business.

Keep up with the times so we don't get charged a big one when we really have no choice but to change.

Yes, it would benefit the community by offering business high speed access.

Good for community growth.

Not necessary but would benefit some individuals and company.

Yes to make it more attractive to business. Important for more pleasurable home use.

Convenience.

Yes - to bring us into the 21st century. To meet up with the needs of the future.

Not necessary, but possibly convenient for those who use the internet a great deal.

Business yes, home no.

I am not adequately informed to answer except to say it may be desirable, but maybe not necessary.

No.

Most people move here for quality of life - but then want economic development to come so we can lose our quality of life - due to crime and too many people.

Yes, people want it and it will bring more people into the area.

Yes, because dial up is getting slower and harder to get online.

No comment.

I do not know.

Not qualified to answer.

Yes, for our children to keep up.

Yes. To keep moving forward.

For high density population, business areas only and areas that are near these areas.

It would make our community more attractive to business, thus providing more jobs and revenue.

Not necessary as large % are retired and not interested in internet.

I am neutral as I don't live in the county.

Need to compete and stay updated.

No - It is a convenience and only those who want it should have to pay for it.

No - just another way to charge people unnecessarily - not ALL people would benefit - should NOT be charged for something we don't want or use!!

No. There is no demonstrated need due to the rural sparsely populated area.

Dial up modems are too slow, high speed should be a standard with so many things that can be done on the internet such as video, large file transfers, phone calls, etc.

Yes - for those who work online from home in helping customers.

For business yes, and be more competitive with other areas.

Yes - because we're all always in a hurry.

Yes, but not over power lines until other problems are solved. Interference from BPL is not worth the capability.

It might not be necessary for most of us, but there are small businesses that need it. I know of 1 in Dalkena that can download emails before comp time's out. (Does this help him?)

Yes.

To attract business and industry.

No - we don't need the stresses of the hurry.

No

To maintain equality with business capability.

Yes, I believe it would encourage economic development.

It is the future for here, elsewhere it is included in the hook up with a cable company. Good for business, good for web surfers.

At attract business, which causes more jobs, which in turn will help the county's economy.

NO - Don't need it.

No ?

POVN and Verizon already provide DSL at a lower cost than what PUD charges.

Yes, for residents and commercial use, and small business.

No, present services are adequate. I use my cell phone, slow, but, I don't need an ISP or 2nd phone line.

I currently work for the hospital district in Newport, but live in lone (3 1/3 miles south). They are willing to allow me to work from home, but I must have high speed service. I have no choice, but the service the PUD proposes to offer. Please implement your service outside of lone as soon as possible. It would be of great benefit to both myself and my family and to the hospital district if I could work from home. Thank you.

Yes! Especially in PO County, a lot of transactions, correspondence, etc is done on the internet.

Yes, to catch up with the rest of the world.

Yes. Good communication without having to travel. Good for small business.

NO! Internet is really not necessary.

Would be good but not necessary because most people are rural and poor.

It's things to come.

Not necessary. This is a small county.

Don't know. I don't have it up there.

Good for business.

I'm not in business - so I am neutral on the question?

No - too many mountains.

YES!! It brings PO County up to standards that other larger counties already have.

NO

It is very necessary for those in business, in order to be competitive and keep accounts.

Yes. I have a personal business/self employed and many times my output rate is slower just because of the internet. The best I have ever got is 24. I searched for more job offers but they all require broadband or high speed which has not been available as of yet. We've called numerous times with no hopes of getting high speed which is very discouraging. We have had ideas of moving to another area just because of this!

Yes. It would be nice not to wait so long for the web page to pop up.

This county needs Wal-Mart, Lowe's Depot, Costco and Winco Foods.

Yes. Hopefully it would bring more businesses in and not discourage them from our area because they can't keep up with whatever, the systems we have now.

Only if we want to grow and stop being considered the haven for those "running from the law."

Helpful but not necessary - like whipped cream on pie.

Could care less.

YES!!! I can hardly stand to use my home computer because internet is so slow.

Yes. My normal connect rate is 24.0 kbps. It takes too long to download information.

No - I don't see that nay business here in Newport needs high speed Government, police and sheriff's being the exception.

The transition to a cashless society will eventually require it.

No.

No.

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High Speed Internet is now the knowledge reservoir for the world. Without fast internet access, we will remain in the dark ages. Also, PO County has a widely dispersed population with a very low per capita income. Creating employment and business opportunities via the Internet is especially critical for the county.

One of those nice to have items. Cusick SD is on a T1 line with plenty of speed.

Just being able to keep up with the rest of the world.

I do believe that with high speed internet we would offer additional benefit to business, technology to current users and have better compatibility to other areas.

No! internet connections can fulfill resent user needs, which include cable, satellite and wireless. Depends on what's meant by high speed internet. If many internet users are on a high speed connection, it can be slower than a regular modem.

Yes - maybe not necessary - like electricity and water - but it sure would be nice!!

No. Not enough high income business.

It may bring in more jobs.

I approve if majority rules.

Since it's started, finish it for all of the county residents, not just a small portion.

No, there is not enough business to support the system.

Don't know.

I believe it is very necessary due to the fact that many rural folks have "home based" businesses that depend on the use of the internet. Some telecommute jobs require high speed which is good for employment in the area.

Yes, in order for local businesses to be competitive and schools, clinics, government can all be more efficient.

No. It's a want to have not a need to have.

NO! PUD promised in writing rate payers would NOT have to pay for the internet line. It didn't pay as expected, reserves dropped and rates went up. Shame! Shame! When there is enough call for it to make it pay, someone separate can provide it.

Yes. It would make a lot of things simpler.

This is a personal choice. If I want or need high speed I can find it. How many other PUD's have tried this and are millions in the hole. Look at Grant County (over 50 million!)

Yes, it allows people to work at home via computer and have the same advantages of people in metropolitan areas - Makes PO County people competitive. It also would be a boost for economic development efforts - attracting businesses. Also, it makes communications easier and faster. Being rural doesn't have to mean being primitive.

This really doesn't concern me, as I'm a seasonal recreation site user on the river.

Yes it is for future improvement and growth (business, educational and personal) but may not be feasible for or due to economic conditions of the county.

Because easier to use and spend less time in use.

Yes - to attract future business which is demanding it more and more.

Yes so our county will grow more economically to help business (home based also)

Yes, for growth in the area.

High speed internet access will bring more non community related business and transform the area accordingly.

Not necessary, a convenience.

Not sure.

What for.

I've not used high speed internet so don't know value nor cost.

If it's along main roadways, does that cover most businesses??? Schools?? I do not know how many remotely based needs there are. If it can carry TV/reception I think it'd be valuable and worthwhile.

No

Yes it is, but at the cost of the subscriber not everyone!

Yes - to keep up with changing world and allow business to continue to grow and help support good future employment and tax base.

I am not familiar with so I don't have an opinion on this subject.

Yes - It's like living in the dark ages out here.

Make available for those who want it or need it.

It is the next generation "essential" utility.