

## Publicly Owned Electric Utilities Sold 1980-2012

**76 public power utilities were sold; 45 were sold to investor-owned utilities and 31 were sold to rural electric cooperatives.**

Utility Sold	Year	Sold To
Owensville, Missouri (1,402 customers)	2012	Ameren Missouri* for \$1,385,000
Readsboro Electric, Vermont (319 customers)	2011	Central Vermont Public Service Corp.
Somerville Electric Department, Tennessee (1,867 customers)	2010	Chicakasaw Electric Cooperative
City of Campbell, Missouri (962 customers)	2010	Ozark Border Electric Cooperative
Kotlik, Alaska (185 customers)	2008	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Monticello Electric Plant Board, Kentucky (3,500 customers)	2008	South Kentucky Electric Cooperative for \$4,686,000
Elizabeth, Louisiana (292 customers)	2007	Central Louisiana Electric Co.* Leased for 10 years in August 2007.
Darwin, Minnesota (260 customers)	2007	Meeker Cooperative Light and Power Association for \$411,000
Oakley, Kansas (1,302 customers)	2006	Midwest Energy
St. Michaels, Maryland (4,000 customers)	2006	Choptank Electric Cooperative
Tennant, Iowa (40 customers)	2004	Nishanbotan Valley REC
Kanab City Corporation, Utah (1378 customers)	2004	Garkane Energy Cooperative for \$2.5 million
Thorne Bay, Alaska (261 customers)	2001	Alaska Power & Telephone*

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Garrison, Texas (573 customers)	2001	Deep East Texas Electric Cooperative
City of Lebanon, Tennessee (9,185 customers)	2000	Middle Tennessee Electric Membership Cooperative
City of Booneville, Indiana (3,576 customers)	1999	Southern Indiana Gas and Electric Co.*
City of Pattonsburg (85 customers)	1998	Farmer's Electric Cooperative
City of Plains, Texas (392 customers)	1998	Lea County Electric Cooperative, NM
Nightmute Power Plant, Alaska (55 customers)	1997	Alaska Village Electric Cooperative
Fairbanks, Alaska (6,174 customers)	1996	Golden Valley Electric Association  Sellout Issues: City officials looking to cut costs and lower rates. Trouble obtaining voter and city council approval for upgrades to the system. System sold for \$26 million.
Severence, Kansas (58 customers)	1995	Doniphan Electric Coop Association Inc.
Sebring, Florida (12,278 customers)	1993	Florida Power Corporation*  Sellout Issue: High rates due to debt related to generating plant. System sold for \$23.5 million.
DeSoto, Kansas (910 customers)	1993	Western Resources, Inc.*  Sellout Issues: Rates higher than IOU's rates. Some DeSoto residents were already served by IOU and were pleased with the service. System sold for \$2.5 million.
Coffman Cove, Alaska (71 customers)	1992	Alaska Power & Telephone*
Eagle Village, Alaska (15 customers)	1992	Alaska Power & Telephone*

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Clarksville, Missouri (400 customers)	1991	Union Electric Cooperative  Sellout Issues: The town had not kept the electric system up and did not have the money necessary to repair and upgrade the system.
Pleasant Hill, Missouri	1991	Missouri Public Service Co.*
Mahaska, Kansas (76 customers)	1990	Centel Electric – Kansas*
Lubec, Maine (1,300 customers)	1990	Bangor Hydro-Electric Company*  Sellout Issues: Rates were considerably higher than those charged by Bangor Hydro and the system suffered from substantial line loss. System sold for \$350,000.
Chelsea, Oklahoma (945 customers)	1989	Public Service of Oklahoma*  Sellout Issue: IOU promised lower rates. (Sold for \$2.2 million.)
Coats, Kansas (75 customers)	1988	Centel Electric – Kansas*
Manchester, Oklahoma (105 customers)	1988	Oklahoma Gas & Electric*
Walsenburg, Colorado (2,100 customers)	1987	San Isabel Electric Services, Inc.
Footville, Wisconsin (352 customers)	1987	Wisconsin Power & Light*  Sellout Issues: Electric system's only employee retired and town decided it could not afford to hire a qualified replacement. The electric system needed repair and upgrading.
Worley, Idaho (104 customers)	1986	Washington Water Power Company*
Seymour, Iowa (528 customers)	1986	Iowa Southern Utilities*
Netawaka, Kansas (84 customers)	1986	Kansas Power & Light*

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Lewiston, Maine	1986	Central Maine Power* Sellout Issues: The local plant had provided municipal streetlighting. The IOU sought to buy the site for a \$55 million hydroelectric project.
Iron Gate, Virginia (227 customers)	1986	Dominion Resources (VEPCO)*
McKinley, Minnesota (60 customers)	1985	Minnesota Power Co.*
Sargeant, Minnesota (52 customers)	1985	Freeborn-Mower Electric Cooperative
Centerville, Mississippi	1985	Mississippi Power & Light*
Amorita, Oklahoma (80 customers)	1985	Alfalfa Electric Cooperative Sellout Issue: City's wholesale power supplier (Cherokee, Okla.) sold to a cooperative.
Byron, Oklahoma (about 30 customers)	1985	Alfalfa Electric Cooperative Sellout Issue: City's wholesale power supplier (Cherokee, Okla.) sold to a cooperative.
Carmen, Oklahoma (about 230 customers)	1985	Alfalfa Electric Cooperative
Cherokee, Oklahoma (1,441 customers)	1985	Alfalfa Electric Cooperative Sellout Issue: High cost of wholesale power costs from Western Farmers Electric Cooperative.
Weleetka, Oklahoma	1985	Public Service of Oklahoma*
Sonora, Texas (882 customers)	1985	West Texas Utilities*
Deerfield, Wisconsin (486 customers)	1985	Wisconsin Power & Light* Sellout Issue: Municipal's industrial rate was 10% higher than WP&L's industrial rate.

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Roland, Iowa (500 customers)	1984	Iowa Electric Light & Power*  Sellout Issue: After postponing improvements for many years, utility rebuilt the system and incurred a debt the city thought too large.
Crosbyton, Texas (913 customers)	1984	Southwestern Public Service*
Vernon, Texas (2,337 customers)	1984	Southwestern Public Service*
Dubois, Idaho (205 customers)	1983	Utah Power & Light*
Kelley, Iowa	1983	Iowa Power & Light*  Sellout Issue: High maintenance and insurance costs.
Ellis, Kansas (962 customers)	1983	Midwest Energy, Inc.*  Sellout Issue: City decided it should not replace the utility's dual-fuel plant.
Goff, Kansas (962 customers)	1983	Kansas Power & Light*
Protection, Kansas (418 customers)	1983	CMS Electric Cooperative  Sellout Issues: Promise of lower rates; utility had difficulty attracting qualified personnel with technical expertise.
Tipton, Kansas (123 customers)	1983	Western Power, Centel Corp.*
Clayton, New Mexico (1,325 customers)	1983	Public Service of New Mexico*
Eldon, Iowa (625 customers)	1982	Iowa Southern Utilities*
Willis, Kansas (48 customers)	1982	Brown-Atchison Rural Electric Cooperative
Princeville, North Carolina (650 customers)	1982	Edgecombe Martin Rural Electric Cooperative

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Lake Helen, Florida (715 customers)	1981	Florida Power Corporation*  Sellout Issues: City's rates higher than IOU's rates; deteriorating condition of the system.
Oswego, Kansas (1,001 customers)	1981	Kansas Power & Light*  Sellout Issues: Promise of lower rates; high cost of hiring utility personnel with technical expertise.
Wilson, Kansas (500 customers)	1981	Smokey Hill Electric Cooperative  Sellout Issue: Promise of lower rates.
Opelousas, Louisiana (5,890 customers)	1981	Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation (lease arrangement)
Centerville, Maryland	1981	Delmarva Power & Light*  Sellout Issue: High cost of upgrading the system.
Valley Springs, South Dakota (approx. 300 customers)	1981	Sioux Valley Empire Electric Association  Sellout Issue: System required too much maintenance.
Canadian, Texas (1,053 customers)	1981	Southwestern Public Service*
Winters, Texas (875 customers)	1981	West Texas Utilities*
Jamestown, Kansas (244 customers)	1980	Central Telephone and Utilities, Western Power Division*
Franklin, Louisiana (3,026 customers)	1980	Central Louisiana Electric Co.*  Under lease-sale agreement in 1980 with final takeover in 2001.  Sellout Issues: Rising fuel costs; city sold bonds for interconnection line, but line was not constructed (handling of the project resulted in political pressure to sell.)
Melville, Louisiana (600 customers)	1980	Southwest Louisiana Electric Membership Corporation
Tucumcari, New Mexico (3,000 customers)	1980	Southwestern Public Service*

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Monticello, Utah (475 customers)	1980	Empire Electric Cooperative Association of Cortez, Colo.  Sellout Issues: Fuel adjustment clause increases in power purchased from UP&L; system required too much maintenance.
Upton, Wyoming (350 customers)	1980	Black Hills Power & Light*

\* Represents an investor-owned utility

Source: *American Public Power Association (2012)*

“Customers” refers to the number of customer-meters served. The population served would be some multiple of this number.