

# 2013 KMU Members



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# Quick Facts About KMU

Kansas Municipal Utilities (KMU) is the statewide association representing municipal electric, natural gas, water, wastewater and telecommunications utilities. Founded in 1928, the organization represents 175 communities operating one or more of these utilities across the state of Kansas.

- Kansas has 119 public power systems, the 4<sup>th</sup> most of any state in the United States.
- Kansas public power systems serve electricity to approximately 16% of Kansas citizens.
- The median size of a municipal electric utility in Kansas is 852 customers. The largest system is Kansas City BPU with nearly 65,000 customers. The smallest is the city of Radium, Kansas with 25 customers.
- Only eight of the state's 119 public power systems serve more than 5,000 customers.
- 58 municipal electric utilities operate a local power plant, primarily for peaking or emergency situations.
- KMU members utilize approximately 80 megawatts of hydropower from the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Southwestern Area Power Administration (SWPA).
- In Kansas, 60 cities operate municipal gas systems.
- 85% of municipal gas systems serve less than 1,000 customers.
- Many municipal gas utilities were established in small, rural communities because no private utility deemed it profitable to provide service.
- KMU members serve as public water suppliers providing safe, reliable drinking water to over 452,000 customers. The largest KMU public water system serves more than 135,000 meters and the smallest 67 meters.