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**1. PURPOSE**

This policy reflects Seattle Public Utilities' proactive role as both a drinking water service provider and a regional leader in water planning.

**2. POLICY**

Be a leader in seeking regional cooperation and efficiencies that benefit the customers of SPU, other water utilities, and the environment.

- A. Continue to engage actively in collaborative drinking water planning efforts that encompass the tri-county area of Snohomish, King, and Pierce counties.
- B. Manage and operate the water system, under normal and unusual conditions, in coordination with other water utilities, public health agencies, emergency management agencies, flood management agencies, and other appropriate resource agencies in the tri-county area.
- C. Explore cooperative or conjunctive opportunities with other utilities in the tri-county area that maximize efficiency, drinking water quality, and reliability while being environmentally sensitive.
- D. Support efforts to ensure availability of drinking water supplies within the region.
- E. Share knowledge and expertise with other water utilities in the region.