

**WAC 246-295-010 Definitions.** Abbreviations:

"IOU" - Investor owned utility;

"SMA" - Satellite management agency;

"UTC" - Utilities and transportation commission; and

"WSP" - Water system plan.

"**Certified operator**" means a person certified in accordance with chapter 246-292 WAC.

"**Contract**" means a written agreement between a SMA and a public water system identifying the responsibilities of system operation and management.

"**Department**" means the Washington state department of health.

"**Investor owned utility**" means a corporation, company, association, joint stock association, partnership and person, their lessees, trustees or receivers appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating or managing any public water system for hire.

"**Public water system**" means any system, excluding a system serving only one single-family residence and a system with four or fewer connections all of which serve residences on the same farm, providing piped water for human consumption, including any:

Collection, treatment, storage, or distribution facilities under control of the purveyor and used primarily in connection with such system; and

Collection or pretreatment storage facilities not under control of the purveyor primarily used in connection with such system.

"**Purveyor**" means an agency, subdivision of the state, municipal corporation, firm, company, mutual or cooperative association, institution, partnership, or person or other entity owning or operating a public water system. Purveyor also means the authorized agents of such entities.

"**Satellite management agency (SMA)**" means an individual, purveyor, or entity that is approved by the secretary to own or operate more than one public water system on a regional or county-wide basis, without the necessity for a physical connection between such systems.

"**Satellite management and operation services**" means all day-to-day responsibilities of a water system. Management responsibilities shall include planning and policy decision making. Operational responsibilities shall include normal day-to-day operations, preventative maintenance, water quality monitoring, troubleshooting, emergency response, response to complaints, public/press contact, and recordkeeping.

"**Secretary**" means the secretary of the department of health or their designee.

"**Service area**" means a specific area for which satellite management and operation services may be provided by a SMA.

"**Service area policies**" means pertinent policies that impact the provision of water and water system growth.

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