

MINUTES

Thursday, September 24, 2020

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Jay Balasbas, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular virtual meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 24, 2020 by Chairman Danner. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated no changes to the agenda.

E)1. Consent
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Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

- A)1. 5:54 Skype Docket Number UE-190663; Avista Corporation; Revises Tariff WN U-28, Schedule 62, establishing a standard power purchasing agreement for small power producers and cogeneration qualifying facilities in accordance with the new Chapter 480-106 WAC and the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Deborah Reynolds, Harry Fukano, Sally Brown, staff; Michael Andrea, Clint Kalich, Shawn Bonfield, Avista Corporation; Irion Sanger, Greg Adams, Northwest and Intermountain Power Producers Coalition (NIPPC)

This item was removed to the October 29, 2020 open meeting.

- A)2. 1:38 Skype Docket Number UT-200776; The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc.; Petition for exemption from the August 2nd filing deadline to file a request for distribution from the state universal communication services program contained in WAC 480-123-110(5). Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an Order Granting The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., and Pend Oreille Telephone Company's Requests for Exemption from WAC 480-123-110(5). Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)3. 1:38 Skype Docket Number UT-200786; Pend Oreille Telephone Company; Petition for exemption from the August 2nd filing deadline to file a request for distribution from the state universal communication services program contained in WAC 480-123-110(5). Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an Order Granting The Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., and Pend Oreille Telephone Company's Requests for Exemption from WAC 480-123-110(5). Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. 1:57:32 Skype Docket Number TV-200758; Dolly, Inc.; Petition for exemption from WAC 480-15-250(1), 480-14-250 (1)(e) and 480-14-110, for Dolly, Inc. to operate as a common carrier, and common carrier permit application. Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Mathew Perkinson, Daniel Teimouri, staff; Michael Howell, Jeff Goltz, Dolly, Inc.

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to grant the petition of Dolly, Inc. (Dolly or company), waive the requirements of WAC 480-14-250(1), WAC 480-14-250(1)(e), and WAC 480-14-110 and authorize a common carrier permit for the company with these exemptions. Staff believes the exemptions are consistent with the public interest and the purposes underlying the applicable statutes and the commission's regulations implementing those statutes. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

Chairman Danner recessed the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Chairman Danner reconvened the meeting on October 06, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

RECESSED:

D)1. 0:11 Skype Docket Number U-200281; COVID-19 Response Workgroup; NOTE: This item will be heard virtually on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 1 p.m. Presentation of workgroup's suggestions. See docket for meeting log-in information. Presentation

Appearances: Eleanor Bastian, Climate and Clean Energy; Crista Shaw, consumer; Mark Johnson, Washington Retail Association; Bill Brumfiel, consumer; Rachel Brombaugh, King County Executive Office-Dow Constantine; Edith Baltazar, Patt Figueroa, Liliana Soto, Guadalupe Paredes, Yesenia Barragan, Firelands Workers United/Trabajadores Unidos; Glenn Coffey, Tenants Union Member; Robin Schwartz, Duwamish River Clean-up Coalition; Anna Zivarts, Disability Rights Washington; Carl Weltz, Director of Community Action, SNAP; Glenda Navas, Tukwila; Mayra Rosales, UniteHERE! Local 8 Member; Julia Mason, Sierra Club and Washington Immigrant Solidarity Network Volunteer; Andrea Scott-Murray, Sierra Club Volunteer; Meg O'Hara, 350 Seattle

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved in Docket U-200281, that the commission issue an order extending the moratorium suspending disconnection of utility services for residential and small commercial customers until April 30, 2021 for non-payment and that the proposal in the docket for additional funding be for not only bill assistance but also arrearages and that the payment arrangements discussed in the term sheet for small commercial customers not be limited to six months but potentially one year to 18 months, including waivers on late fees. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

This item is continued to the October 15, 2020 open meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director