

MINUTES

Tuesday, November 24, 2020

9:30 A.M.

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

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

E)1. Consent 00:00 mp3

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. 09:00 mp3 Docket Number UE-200893; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U- 60, Schedule 95, to recover the deferral balance under PSE's Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism. The proposed rates will increase PSE's revenue by \$43.9 million, or 2.1 percent. A typical residential customer using 900 kWh per month would experience a bill increase of \$1.92, or 2.1 percent. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jing Liu, staff; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy

The Commissioner's took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets filed by Puget sound Energy in Docket UE-200893 to become effective December 1, 2020, by operation of law.

- A)2. 20:32 mp3 Docket Number UE-200900; Avista Corporation; Petition for limited exemption from WAC 480-85-050(2), regarding cost of service study inputs. Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Elaine Jordan, staff; David Meyer, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UE-200900 by:

- (1) granting the petitions filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities on October 30, 2020, for limited, one-time exemptions from WAC 480-85-050(2) for the electric cost of service study and from WAC 480-85-050(1) for the natural gas cost of service study; and
 - (2) suspending the revised tariff sheets and consolidating the dockets filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities on October 30, 2020, and setting the matter for hearing. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)
- A)3. 20:32 mp3 Docket Number UG-200901; Avista Corporation; Petition for limited exemption from WAC 480-85-050(1), regarding cost of service study inputs. Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Elaine Jordan, staff; David Meyer, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UG-200901 by:

- (1) granting the petitions filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities on October 30, 2020, for limited, one-time exemptions from WAC 480-85-050(2) for the electric cost of service study and from WAC 480-85-050(1) for the natural gas cost of service study; and
 - (2) suspending the revised tariff sheets and consolidating the dockets filed by Avista Corporation, d/b/a Avista Utilities on October 30, 2020, and setting the matter for hearing. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (:)
- A)4. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200676; Skyline Telecom, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Richard Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)5. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200677; Inland Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)6. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200680; St. John Telephone, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)7. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200689; Asotin Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)8. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200690; Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services

program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)9. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200691; McDaniel Telephone Co.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)10. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200694; Pioneer Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff, Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)11. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200696; Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-

123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)12. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200704; Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)13. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200705; Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)14. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200708; Kalama Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services

program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)15. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200709; Tenino Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)16. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200712; Mashell Telecom, Inc.; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)17. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200714; Whidbey Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)18. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200715; Westgate Communications LLC; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)19. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200719; Hat Island Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)20. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200773; Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., The; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)21. 28:04 mp3 Docket Number UT-200785; Pend Oreille Telephone Company; Petition to receive support from the state universal communications services program pursuant to WAC 480-123-100 and WAC 480-123-110. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff; Rick Finnigan, Attorney, WITA

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each docket listed on the Agenda for Items A4 through A21, no later than December 31, 2020, directing the distribution of \$6,078,083 from the state universal communications services program fund to those companies, and in the amounts, listed in Attachment 1 to staff memo. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director