

MINUTES

Thursday, April 22, 2021
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, April 22, 2021 by Chairman Danner. Mark Vasconi, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated there are 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. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UE-210182; Avista Corporation; Revises Tariff WN U-28 to amend Electric Transportation Schedule 77 and introduce Commercial Electric Vehicle Rate Schedules 13 and 23. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Shawn Bonfield, Rendall Farley, Avista; Annabel Drayton, Northwest Energy Coalition; Philip Jones, Alliance for Transportation Electrification; Erick Karlen, Greenlots; Susan Meyer, Spokane Transit Authority

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing Avista's proposed revisions to Schedule 77 – Electric Transportation, and the proposed Schedule 13 – Optional Commercial Electric Vehicle Rate – General Service, and Schedule 23 – Optional Commercial Electric Vehicle Rate – Large General Service, to all go into effect April 26, 2021, by operation of law.

- A)2. 53:01 mp4 Docket Number UE-210201; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60, to make Schedule 62 service (Capacity Leasing) available to Customers who are receiving Primary Electric Service under PSE's Schedules 26 and 31.

Tariff Revision

Appearances: Molly Brewer, staff; Mei Cass, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, authorizing the tariff revision filed by Puget Sound Energy in Docket UE-210201 to become effective April 26, 2021.

- A)3. 56:27 mp4 Docket Number UG-210193; Northwest Natural Gas Company; Revises Tariff WN U-6 to add natural gas Tariff Schedule K to implement a COVID-19 Assistance Program, in compliance with Order No. 01 in Docket No. U-200281, effective April 23, 2021. Under this program, the Company will administer up to \$2,500 of bill assistance annually to qualifying low-income households. The total funding available is \$652,000. The Company will defer the cost and seek recovery at a later date. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Hanna Navarro, staff; Natasha Siores, Northwest Natural Gas Company

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, allowing Northwest Natural's new Tariff Schedule K to become effective April 23, 2021, by operation of law.

- A)4. 1:02:02 mp4 Docket Number UG-210194; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-2, adding new Supplemental Schedule 138 – Voluntary Renewable Natural Gas Purchase Rider allowing customers to purchase blocks of renewable natural gas. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Andrew Rector, Sally Brown, staff; Eric Englert, Emily Rich, William Einstein, Puget Sound Energy; Sarah Laycock, Public Counsel; Chad Stokes, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; Shawn Bonfield, Avista Corporation

This item was removed to the May 20, 2021 open meeting.

- A)5. 1:45:46 mp4 Docket Number UW-210126; Roche Harbor Water System; Proposed general rate increase that would generate \$88,000 (22 percent) additional annual revenue. The existing capital surcharge for treatment plant will remain in place until November 2023. Additionally, ancillary charges will also be adjusted to recover cost directly incurred by customers. The company serves 624 customers in near Friday Harbor, in San Juan County. The proposed effective date is May 1, 2021. The company's last general rate increase was effective on March

1, 2012, for \$35,594 (8.2 percent). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Tiffany Van Meter, staff

Disposition: Commissioners took no action, allowing the tariff pages filed by Roche Harbor Water System on February 25, 2021, to become effective April 22, 2021, by operation of law.

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 1:50:19 mp4 Docket Number TG-210109; Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.; Proposed general rate increase which will generate \$713,000 (5.75 percent) additional annual revenue. The company provides solid waste, yard waste, and recycling service to approximately 12,700 residential, 8,500 commercial, 400 roll-off customers in Yakima County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on October 1, 2017. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, staff; Ed Epstein, Cascade Villa; Heather Garland, Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action allowing the tariff filed by Yakima Waste Services, Inc. on February 14, 2021, and revised on April 16, 2021, to go into effect by operation of law.

Chairman Danner recessed the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Chairman Danner reconvened the meeting on May 07, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED:

D)1. 1:02 mp4 Docket Number UE-210232; EPRI and GTI; NOTE: This item will be heard virtually on May 7, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Special Presentation on the Low

Carbon Resources Initiative. Special Presentation

Appearances: Neva Espinoza, Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI); Mike Rutkowski, Gas Technology Institute (GTI);

This meeting was held for presentation only.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director