

MINUTES

Thursday, July 29, 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, July 29, 2021 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. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UE-190905; Puget Sound Energy; 2020 Electric Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 221,001 MWh of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$67.3 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Corey Corbett, Puget Sound Energy

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

- A)2. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UE-190908; Pacific Power & Light Company; 2020 Electric Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 37,182 MWh of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$9.8 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Don Jones, Pacific Power & Light Company

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

- A)3. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UE-190912; Avista Corporation; 2020 Electric Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 24,186 MWh of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$10.9 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Ryan Finesilver and Nicole Hydzik, Avista Corporation

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

- A)4. 56:23 mp4 Docket Number UE-210490; Avista Corporation; Revise the Company's Low-Income Rate Assistance Program (LIRAP) to increase the income eligibility threshold, to suspend the implementation of the Percentage of Income Payment Plan and Past Due Payoff programs, and to utilize the Community Partnership Network for LIRAP. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Molly Brewer, staff; Jaime Majure, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets filed by Avista Corporation in Dockets UE-210490 and UG-210491 to become effective in part on July 31, 2021, and in part on October 1, 2021, by operation of law.

- A)5. 56:23 mp4 Docket Number UG-210491; Avista Corporation; Revises Tariff WN U-29 to revise the Low-Income Rate Assistance Program. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Molly Brewer, staff; Jaime Majure, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing the tariff sheets filed by

Avista Corporation in Dockets UE-210490 and UG-210491 to become effective in part on July 31, 2021, and in part on October 1, 2021, by operation of law.

- A)6. 1:04:32 mp4 Docket Number UE-210533; PacifiCorp; Revise the Company's Low Income Bill Assistance program to expand the income eligibility threshold, to change the program from a per kWh credit for usage in excess of 600 kWh to a straight percentage discount, and to remove the annual enrollment cap. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Molly Brewer, staff; Robert Meredith and Andre Lipinski, PacifiCorp; Shawn Collins, The Energy Project

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order approving PacifiCorp's modification to its Low-Income Bill Assistance Program and allowing the revisions to Schedules 17 and 19 filed by PacifiCorp on July 2, 2021, in Docket UE-210533 to become effective August 1, 2021. Commissioner Balasbas seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)7. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UG-190913; Puget Sound Energy; 2020 Gas Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 4.1 million therms of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$17.4 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Corey Corbett, Puget Sound Energy

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

- A)8. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UG-190920; Avista Corporation; 2020 Gas Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 595,332 therms of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$4.5 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Ryan Finesilver and Nicole Hydzik, Avista Corporation

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

A)9. 1:30 mp4 Docket Number UG-190957; Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; 2020 Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 659,176 therms of conservation savings in 2020 at a cost of \$5.7 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Monica Cowlshaw, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

A)10.1:30 mp4 Docket Number UG-190987; Northwest Natural Gas Company; 2020 Annual Conservation Report, indicating that the company achieved 320,170 therms of conservation savings at a cost of \$2.4 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Andrew Rector, staff; Laney Ralph, Northwest Natural Gas Company

This item was heard for informational purposes only.

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 1:15:52 mp4 Docket Number TG-210449; HAROLD LEMAY ENTERPRISES, INC.; Revisions to Tariff No. 13 reflecting a general rate increase, to offset increases in labor, operating costs and recover new capital assets. This filing generates approximately \$267,100 (5.8 percent) in additional annual revenue. The company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 7,000 residential and 1,200 commercial and 50 drop-box customers in Grays Harbor County. The company's last general rate increase became effective on June 1, 2018. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, staff; Joe Wonderlick, Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.

Disposition: Commissioners took no action allowing the tariff filed by Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Harbor Disposal and Eastern Grays Harbor Disposal, Inc. on June 15, 2021, and revised on July 21, 2021, to go into effect by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:54 a.m.

Attested by _____
Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director