

MINUTES

Thursday, August 24, 2023

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: David Danner, Chairman
Milt Doumit, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 24, 2023 by Chairman Danner. Jing Roth, Deputy Director, Regulatory Services, indicated that two addendums were added and one item removed from the agenda. Addendum one, UG-230551, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, was added to the No Action agenda. Addendum two, TC-230674, Bremerton-Kitsap Airporter, Inc. was added to the No Action agenda. Item F3, TG-230595, Murrey's Disposal Company, Inc., at the company's request, was removed to a future open meeting.

E)1. Consent **00:00 mp4**

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Chairman Danner seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

UTILITIES:

- A)1. 6:41 mp4 Docket Number UE-230539; Avista Corporation ; Revises Tariff WN U-28 Schedule 92, introducing Schedule 92C to establish the Company's Low Income Rate Assistance Program and Bill Discount Program. Discontinues Schedule 02, Senior & Disabled Residential Service Program and the related discount rate adjustments under Schedule 89. It also discontinues Schedule 73, the Covid-19 Residential Relief Program. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Crystal Oliver, staff; Jaime Majure, Avista Corporation; Shay Bauman, Public Counsel; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing Dockets UE-230539 and UG-230540, Avista Corporation's d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) tariff sheets filed on June 30, 2023, and as revised on July 31, 2023, to become effective August 31, 2023, as a matter of law, recommending that the Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) monitor the effectiveness of the program and suggest revisions as necessary.

- A)2. 6:41 mp4 Docket Number UG-230540; Avista Corporation ; Revises Tariff WN U-29, Schedule 192, introducing Schedule 192C to establish the Company's Low Income Rate Assistance Program and Bill Discount Program. Discontinues Schedule 102 Senior & Disabled Residential Service Program and the related discount rate adjustments under Schedule 189. It also discontinues Schedule 173, the Covid-19 Residential Relief Program. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Crystal Oliver, staff; Jaime Majure, Avista Corporation; Shay Bauman, Public Counsel; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing Dockets UE-230539 and UG-230540, Avista Corporation's d/b/a Avista Utilities (Avista or Company) tariff sheets filed on June 30, 2023, and as revised on July 31, 2023, to become effective August 31, 2023, as a matter of law, recommending that the Energy Assistance Advisory Group (EAAG) monitor the effectiveness of the program and suggest revisions as necessary.

- A)3. 21:50 mp4 Docket Number UE-230560; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60 to offer a new, optional low-income bill discount rate service, Schedule 7BDR. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Corey Cook, staff; Veronica Martin, Donna Barnett Puget Sound Energy; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or Company) filed tariff sheets, in Dockets UE-230560 and UG-230561, to become effective as a matter of law and recommend that the Low-Income Advisory Committee (LIAC) monitor the effectiveness of the program and suggest revisions as necessary.

- A)4. 21:50 mp4 Docket Number UG-230561; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-2 to offer a new, optional low-income bill discount rate service, Schedule 7BDR. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Corey Cook, staff; Veronica Martin, Donna Barnett Puget Sound Energy; Corey Dahl, Public Counsel; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing Puget Sound Energy's (PSE or Company) filed tariff sheets, in Dockets UE-230560 and UG-230561, to become effective as a matter of law and recommend that the Low-

Income Advisory Committee (LIAC) monitor the effectiveness of the program and suggest revisions as necessary.

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. 43:21 mp4 Docket Number TG-230518; Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc.; General Rate increase request that as originally filed would generate approximately \$553,800 (13.4 percent) additional annual revenue. Staff and the Company agreed to a revised amount of \$509,000 (12.3) additional annual revenue. The Company provides solid waste collection service to 3,000 customers in Pacific County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective September 1, 2020. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Mike Young, staff

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, allowing tariff pages filed by Peninsula Sanitation Service, Inc, on June 16, 2023, in Docket TG-230518 as revised on August 21, 2023, to become effective September 1, 2023, by operation of law.

- B)2. 47:58 mp4 Docket Number TG-230599; Methow Valley Sanitation, Inc. ; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$193,000 (12.2 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage and recycling services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$162,500 (11.8 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 1,500 residential, recycling, and commercial customers in Okanogan County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on June 1, 2020. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Benjamin Sharbono, staff

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, allowing the tariff revisions and rates, filed on July 18, 2023, as revised on August 16, 2023, to go into effect September 1, 2023, by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Attested by _____
Amanda Maxwell, Executive Director