

## MINUTES

Wednesday, November 22, 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 Wednesday, November 22, 2023 by Chairman Danner. Neiri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated Item A19, Docket No. UW-230555, Summit View Water Works, has been removed to a future open meeting and Item E8, Docket No. TG-230950, Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc., was added to the Consent portion of the Agenda.

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

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 Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0).

### **UTILITIES:**

- A)1. 1:47 mp4 Docket Number UE-230313; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for Approval of the 2022 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism Report, including an annual deferral balance of \$74.6 million, for the twelve months ended December 31, 2022. It also includes proposed Tariff Revision to WN U-60 Schedule 95, Power Cost Adjustment Clause, and Schedule 139, Voluntary Long Term Renewable Energy Purchase Rider to collect deferral balance from the Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism. The Company is requesting a revenue increase of \$27.4 million or .96 percent, effective December 1, 2023. A typical residential customer using 800 kWh would see a \$1.07 increase on their bill each month. Petition

Appearances: Crystal Oliver, staff; Nina Suetake and Robert Earle, Public Counsel; Susan Free and Brennan Mueller, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order:

- Authorizing Puget Sound Energy (PSE or Company) to record a 2022 ratepayer deferral of \$76.4 million for calendar year 2022, as reported in PSE's Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) Mechanism report for 2022.

- Finding the two Powerex Peak Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) to be prudent.
- Deferring the prudency determination for the Chelan Power Supply Agreement (PSA) until PSE's next General Rate Case filing.
- Approving PSE's proposed method to recover the 2022 PCA customer deferral balance via revisions to Tariff WN U-60 Schedule 95, Power Cost Adjustment Clause, and Schedule 139, Voluntary Long Term Renewable Energy Purchase Rider.

Including the following condition:

- Future PCA Mechanism report filing petition and cover letter must include the following language "Per Attachment A to the Settlement Stipulation approved under Final Order 11 in Docket UE-130617 the "Commission must review and approve the filing by September 30 of that year." Until a new order modifies the review timeframe, the updated review deadline shall be included in the filing petition and cover letter.

Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)2. 43:53 mp4 Docket Number UE-230482; PacifiCorp; Petition for Approval of the 2022 Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM) Report along with the accumulated customer deferral balance of \$71.5 million and requests to extend the amortization period for surcharges on Schedule 97, PCAM, from 12 months to 24 months. The Company is requesting a revenue increase of \$37.2 million or 9.5 percent, effective January 1, 2024. A typical residential customer using 1,200 kWh would see a \$11.09 increase in their bill each month. Petition

Appearances: Crystal Oliver, staff; Ajay Kumar and Douglas Staples, PacifiCorp; Tyler Pepple and Bradley Mullins, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; Ann Paisner, Public Counsel

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved in, Docket UE-230482, that the commission grant the petition for Adjudication filed by AWEC and that the commission suspend this matter and set it for hearing. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)3. 1:26:15 mp4 Docket Number UE-230786; PacifiCorp; Petition for Exemption from WAC 480-100-625 and WAC 480-100-640 and Approval of Alternative Filing Schedule for IRPs and CEIPs. Petition for Exemption

Appearances: Jaclynn Simmons, staff; Zachary Rogala, PacifiCorp

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved, in Docket No. UE-230786 to make the following three recommendations pertaining to statutory filing requirements and its petition filed on September 26, 2023.

- Approve the petition for an exemption from filing deadlines set forth in WAC 480-100-625(1-3) and temporarily extend the work plan, draft IRP, and Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filing schedules by three months.
- Deny exemption from WAC 480-100-640(1) to extend the Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) filing schedule by three months.
- Deny the request for a permanent exemption and alternative filing schedule for the IRP and CEIP in Docket UE-230786

Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)4. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230581; Toledo Telephone Co., Inc., The; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)5. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230582; Skyline Telecom, Inc.; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)6. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230604; Whidbey Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services

Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)7. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230607; Western Wahkiakum County Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)8. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230608; Pend Oreille Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner

Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)9. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230610; Hood Canal Telephone Co., Inc.; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)10. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230615; Asotin Telephone Company; Lewis River Telephone Company, Inc.; McDaniel Telephone Co.; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)11. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230616; Mashell Telecom, Inc.; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December

31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)12. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230617; Inland Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)13. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230618; Kalama Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)14. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230619; Tenino Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)15. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230622; Pioneer Telephone Company; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

A)16. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230625; Westgate Communications LLC; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)17. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230632; St. John Telephone, Inc.; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)18. 1:36:28 mp4 Docket Number UT-230635; Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC; 2024 Petition to Receive Support from the State Universal Communications Services Program pursuant to WAC 480-123-130. Petition

Appearances: Sean Bennett, staff

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to enter an order in each of the 15 dockets, directing the distribution from the state universal service fund to each of the companies; and in the amounts listed in Attachment 1, no later than December 31, 2023 and that for Consolidated Communications of Washington Company, LLC, that we condition the distribution with the requirement that the company return, to the commission, the distributions for 2023 and 2024, a prorated amount for each UTC broadband location if it has failed to deploy 25 down and three MB per second or faster broadband availability by June 30, 2024. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)19. Docket Number UW-230555; Summit View Water Works; Tariff Revisions in the form of a general rate increase request that as proposed generates approximately \$206,357 additional annual revenue for water services The company serves approximately 327 domestic water customers and 563 irrigation customers near Kennewick located in Benton County. The Company's last general rate case became effective November 1, 2018. Tariff Revision

This item was removed to a future open meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

- B)1. 1:54:16 Docket Number TG-230840; Sound Disposal Holdings; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$322,000(21.9 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. The company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 1,700 residential, 225 multifamily and 295 commercial customers in Snohomish County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on July 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Rachel Stark, staff; Ann LaRue, Sound Disposal Holdings

The Commissioners took no action thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Sound Disposal Inc. in Docket TG-230840 on October 6, 2023, to become effective November 1, 2023, by operation of law.

**OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.**

**RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Attested by \_\_\_\_\_  
Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director