

MINUTES

Thursday, January 11, 2024
9:45 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, January 11, 2024 by Chairman Danner. Nieri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated items F1 and F2, Docket No's UE-230886 and UG-230887, Avista Corporation, Tariff Revisions, the effective date on the tariffs were changed to January 12, 2024 instead of January 11, 2024. Also, on item F8, Docket No. UT-231034, the company filed a revised tariff and the effective date changed from December 21, 2023 to Jan 10, 2024.

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. 01:54 mp4 Docket Number UW-230997; Washington Water Supply, Inc.; Proposed Tariff Revision to include a surcharge of \$60 per month for the recovery of purchased water expenses due to well issues and high summer usage on the Echo Glenn water system located in Maple Valley. The Echo Glenn water system serves 42 customers. The surcharge would generate an additional \$13,700 (20.9 percent) on an annual basis. Washington Water Supply serves approximately 140 customers on nine water systems located in King, Kitsap, and Clallam counties. The Company's last rate change was effective January 1, 2001. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Mike Young, Andrew Roberts, staff; Morgana Manley, consumer; Satomi Miyakawa, consumer

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved in Docket No. UW-230997 that the commission issue a Complaint and Order suspending the Tariff Revisions filed by Washington Water Supply, Inc. on December 8, 2023 and that the commission continue to request that staff consider a complaint against the company for the consumer issues and also that the company continues to need to file a rate case.

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

Chairman Danner recessed the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Chairman Danner reconvened the meeting on January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION: No Transportation items for this agenda.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED:

D)1. 05:55 mp4 Docket Number UE-230892; Puget Sound Energy; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Electric Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to WAC 480-109-120(1), proposes achieving 398 thousand megawatt-hours of conservation savings with a budget of \$246 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Wesley Franks, staff; Gilbert Archuleta, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UE-230892, accepting the ten-year conservation potential and targets in Puget Sound Energy's electric 2024-2025 Biennial Conservation Plan (BCP or Plan), identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo, subject to the conditions in Attachment A to the memo:

- (1) Ten-year electric conservation potential of 1,521,999 megawatt-hours (MWh),
- (2) EIA Target of 304,400 MWh,
- (3) EIA Penalty Threshold of 268,702 MWh, and
- (4) Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 15,220 MWh pursuant to Order 07 in Docket UE- 121697.

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

D)2. 05:55 mp4 Docket Number UG-230893; Puget Sound Energy; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Gas Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to RCW 80.28.380, proposes achieving 7 million therms of conservation savings with a budget of \$58 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Wesley Franks, staff; Gilbert Archuleta, Puget Sound Energy

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

230893, accepting the targets identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo PSE's natural gas 2024-2025 BCP, subject to the conditions in Attachment B to the memo:

- (1) Biennial Acquisition Target of 6,541,000 therms,
- (2) Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 304,500 therms, pursuant to Order 8 in Docket UG- 170034.

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

D)3. 22:52 mp4 Docket Number UE-230897; Avista Corporation; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Electric Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to WAC 480-109-120(1), proposes achieving 66.5 thousand megawatt-hours of conservation with a budget of \$46.7 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Sofya Atitsogbe, staff; Nicole Hydzik, Kim Boynton Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UE-230897, accepting conservation potential and the targets of Avista Corporation's electric 2024-2025 Biennial Conservation Plan (BCP or Plan), identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo, subject to the conditions in Attachment A to the memo:

- (1) Ten-year electric conservation potential of 317,000 megawatt-hours (MWh),
- (2) EIA Target of 63,374 MWh,
- (3) EIA Penalty Threshold of 47,635 MWh, and
- (4) Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 3,169 MWh pursuant to Order 05 in Docket UE-140188.

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

D)4. 22:52 mp4 Docket Number UG-230898; Avista Corporation; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Gas Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to RCW 80.28.380, proposes achieving 1.9 million therms of conservation savings with a budget of \$18.8 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Sofya Atitsogbe, staff; Nicole Hydzik, Kim Boynton Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UG-230898, accepting the targets in Avista's natural gas 2024-2025 BCP, identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo, subject to the conditions in Attachment B to that memo:

- (1) Biennial Acquisition Target of 1,812,463 therms,
- (2) Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 90,623 therms.

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

- D)5. 31:56 mp4 Docket Number UE-230904; PacifiCorp; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Electric Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to WAC 480-109-120(1), proposes achieving 89 thousand megawatt-hours of conservation savings with a budget of \$49.3 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Jaclynn Simmons, staff; Nancy Goddard, PacifiCorp

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UE-230904 accepting the ten-year conservation potential and targets of PacifiCorp's Electric 2024-2025 Biennial Conservation Plan, identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo, subject to the conditions in Attachment A to the memo:

- (1) Ten-year electric conservation potential of 406,486 megawatt-hours (MWh),
- (2) EIA Target of 84,971 MWh,
- (3) EIA Penalty Threshold of 74,839 MWh, and
- (4) Decoupling Penalty Threshold of 4,249 MWh pursuant to Order 12 in Docket UE-152253,
- (5) Subject to the conditions in Attachment A.

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

- D)6. 38:26 mp4 Docket Number UG-230937; Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m. The Company's Gas Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to RCW 80.28.380, proposes achieving 1.8 million therms of conservation savings with a budget of \$26.4 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Byron Harmon, staff; Caleb Reimer, Noemi Ortiz, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UG-230937 accepting the targets in Cascade Natural Gas Corporation's natural gas 2024-2025 Biennial Conservation Plan and the targets, identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting memo, subject to the conditions in Attachment A to staff's memo as revised verbally at this meeting:

- (1) Biennial Acquisition Target of 1,782,212 therms,
- (2) subject to the conditions in Attachment A.

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

D)7. 57:55 mp4 Docket Number UG-230944; Northwest Natural Gas Company ;
NOTE: This item will be heard on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.
The Company's Gas Biennial Conservation Plan for 2024-2025, pursuant to RCW
80.28.380, proposes achieving 764 thousand therms of conservation savings with
a budget of \$9.3 million. Staff Investigation

Appearances: Joshua Dennis, staff; Laney Ralph, Northwest
Natural Gas Company

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in docket UG-
230944 accepting the targets NW Natural's natural gas 2024-2025 Biennial
Energy Efficiency Plan, identified in staff's January 17, 2024 open meeting
memo, subject to conditions in Attachment A to staff's memo as revised verbally
today:

- (1) Biennial Acquisition Target of 720,000 therms,
- (2) subject to the conditions in Attachment A.

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

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 p.m.

Attested by _____
Kathy Hunter, Acting Executive Director