

MINUTES

Thursday, February 22, 2024
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, February 22, 2024 by Chairman Danner. Nieri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated that the effective date for Item A2, Docket No. UG-231044 has been changed to March 06, 2024 and the effective date for Item B1, Docket No. TG-230969 has been changed to March 15, 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. 02:22 mp4 Docket Number UE-231031; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60 extending Schedule 150 (Net Metering Services) to new Customer-Generators after the total cumulative generating capacity of these systems exceeds the threshold set forth in RCW 80.60.020(1)(a)(ii) until December 31, 2025, or when a replacement net metering schedule is in place, whichever is later. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Joel Nightingale, Nash Callaghan, staff; Eric Englert, Wendy Gerlitz, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order allowing the revisions to Schedule 150 filed by Puget Sound Energy on January 18, 2024, to become effective February 29, 2024, on condition that:

1. PSE conduct a distributional equity analysis of the Schedule 150 tariff schedule using the framework developed in its distributional equity analysis pilot (as required by Condition 50 in UE-220066) and share the results of that study, and PSE's proposed next steps in a workshop with all interested persons no later than December 31, 2024.

2. PSE invite to the above-mentioned workshop, at a minimum, members of its Conservation Resources Advisory Group, Equity Advisory Group, and Low-Income Advisory Committee.

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

- A)2. 1:10:03 mp4 Docket Number UG-231044; Avista Corporation; Revises Tariff WN U-29 to establish temporary Schedule 162 - Climate Commitment Act (CCA), for the purpose of passing on to customers the Company's CCA compliance costs and revenues for calendar year 2023. A typical residential customer using 64 therms per month would see an increase of \$3.27 per month, or 3.5 percent. Known low-income customers would receive a credit that fully offsets the CCA charge rate, resulting in a \$0.00 charge to those customers. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Chris McGuire, Colin O'Brien, Nash Callaghan, staff; Shawn Bonfield, Avista Corporation; Will Gehrke, NW Energy Coalition; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project

This item was removed to a future open meeting.

- A)3. 54:39 mp4 Docket Number UW-230555; Summit View Water Works; Tariff Revisions in the form of a general rate increase request that 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

Appearances: Rachel Stark, staff; Ann LaRue, Summit View Water Works

This item was withdrawn by the company.

- A)4. 2:22:07 Docket Number UW-240079; Washington Water Supply, Inc.; Proposed Tariff Revision to include a surcharge of \$10 per month for the recovery of well rehabilitation expenses due to well issues on the Echo Glenn water system located in Maple Valley. The Echo Glenn water system serves 42 customers. The surcharge would generate an additional \$24,000 (32.5 percent) on an annual basis. The Company 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, staff;

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue a complaint and Order suspending Tariff Revisions filed by Washington Water Supply, Inc. on January 22, 2024, and combine this docket with UW-230598. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. Docket Number TG-230969; Stericycle of Washington Inc.; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$2.9 million (25 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of medical waste services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 15,000 medical waste customers in Washington State. This is the first general rate increase since the Company's rates became effective on December 1, 2001. Tariff Revision

Appearances:

This item was moved to a future open meeting.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

Attested by


Jeff Killip, Executive Director