

MINUTES

Thursday, April 25, 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, April 25, 2024 by Chairman Danner. Neiri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated item A4, Docket No. UW-240203, Roche Harbor Water System, has been removed. Correction to item F5, Puget Sound Energy, Docket No. UG-240194 second sentence was updated.

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. 4:17 mp4 Docket Number UE-240191; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for approval of the independent evaluator for the Company's requests for proposals to acquire energy resources, in accordance with WAC 480-107-023(2). Petition

Appearances: Quinn Weber, staff; Wendy Gerlitz, Puget Sound Energy;

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an Order in Docket UE-240191 granting Puget Sound Energy's petition approving Bates & White to serve as the independent evaluator for any voluntary requests for proposals (RFP) issued by the Company before January 1, 2027, on condition that:

- Prior to issuing each targeted voluntary RFPs in the allotted period, PSE must consult with interested parties, including Commission staff (Staff) and Public Counsel, to determine if there are concerns with the use of Bates & White. As part of this consultation, PSE will describe Bates & White's qualifications in the given area of the potential RFP. If interested persons identify concerns that the Company does not resolve, they may petition the Commission in this Docket for approval of an independent evaluator.

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

- A)2. 8:56 mp4 Docket Number UG-240141; Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; Revises Tariff WN U-3 to establish Schedule 700 - Temporary Climate Commitment Act (CCA) Rate Adjustment, for the purpose of passing through to ratepayers the Company's CCA compliance costs and revenues accrued through December 31, 2024. Net recoverable CCA compliance costs are \$31.25 million. An average non-low-income residential ratepayer using 55 therms per month would see an increase of \$2.83 per month, or 3.69 percent. Known low-income ratepayers would receive a credit that fully offsets the CCA charge rate resulting in a \$0.00 charge to those ratepayers. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Kody McConnell, Jeff Roberson, staff; Lori Blattner, Donna Barnett, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Scott Hancock, Derek Nixon, Department of Ecology; Yochi Zakai, The Energy Project;

This item was removed to a future open meeting.

- A)3. 1:29:00 mp4 Docket Number UW-240163; Community Water Service of Dungeness Heights, LLC; Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$9,900 (14 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves 133 domestic customers on one water system near Sequim located in Clallam County. The Company's last general rate case became effective April 1, 2019. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Byron Davis, staff;

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing the tariff pages filed by the Community Water Service of Dungeness Heights on March 7, 2024, and revised on April 15, 2024, to become effective May 1, 2024, by operation of law.

- A)4. Docket Number UW-240203; Roche Harbor Water System; Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$89,000 (13.4 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company serves 634 customers in Friday Harbor, in San Juan County. The Company's last general rate case became effective May 1, 2021. Tariff Revision

Appearances:

This item was removed to a future open meeting.

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 1:33:30 mp4 Docket Number TG-240111; Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$263,614 (83 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$248,701 (78 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 235 residential, commercial, and roll off garbage customers in Benton County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on August 1, 2008. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Rachel Stark, staff; Brian Vandenburg, Waste Connections of Oregon, Inc.

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Waste Connections of Oregon d/b/a Sanitary Disposal, Inc. in Docket TG-240111, on February 15, 2024, and as revised on April 19, 2024, to become effective May 1, 2024, by operation of law.

B)2. 1:44:19 mp4 Docket Number TG-240147; Rabanco Ltd.; General rate increase request for Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Eastside Disposal that generates approximately \$534,269 (7.08 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, yard waste services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 29,000 residential and commercial garbage, recycling, and yard waste customers in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on May 1, 2023. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Mike Young, staff;

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Rabanco LTD, d/b/a Eastside Disposal, d/b/a Republic Services, on February 28, 2024, to become effective May 1, 2024, by operation of law.

B)3. 1:50:32 mp4 Docket Number TG-240177; Island Disposal, Inc.; A compliance filing from Island Disposal Inc., set forth in Order 02 of Docket TG-220100, which is a general rate increase request that generates approximately \$0 (0 percent) total additional annual revenue. This request increases roll-off rates by approximately 6.95 percent while reducing residential rates by 1.01 percent and reducing commercial rates by 0.37 percent for the collection of garbage services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 12,700 residential, 975 commercial, and 130 roll-off customers in Island County.

The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2022.
Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, staff; Brian Vandenburg, Island Disposal, Inc.

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Island Disposal Inc., d/b/a Island Disposal, on March 13, 2024, and revised on April 18, 2024, to become effective May 1, 2024, by operation of law.

B)4. 1:54:27 mp4 Docket Number TG-240180; Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$1,056,500 (9.4 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$838,000 (7.4 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 17,500 residential, 15,850 recycling, 300 multi-family recycling, 500 yard waste, 2,700 commercial, and 120 roll-off customers in Lewis and Thurston counties. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on September 1, 2020. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Tiffany Van Meter, staff; Brian Vandenburg, Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc.

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, allowing the tariff pages filed on March 13, 2024, as revised on April 17, 2024, to take effect May 1, 2024, by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Attested by _____
Jeff Killip, Executive Director and Secretary