

MINUTES

Thursday, August 29, 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, August 29, 2024 by Chair Danner. Jacque Hawkins-Jones, Interim Director, Regulatory Services, indicated Item A2, Docket No. UE-240565, Puget Sound Energy, has been removed to a future open meeting.

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. 33:22 mp4 Docket Number UE-240393; PacifiCorp; Revises Tariff WN U-76, Schedule 191 to increase PacifiCorp's conservation charge and include demand response in this schedule. This proposal will increase revenue by approximately \$3 million over the next year, representing an increase to a monthly bill for a residential customer using an average of 1,200 kilowatt-hours by \$1.51 (or 1.1 percent). Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jaclynn Simmons, staff; Ariel Son, Joe Dallas, Laura James, PacifiCorp; Sommer Moser, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers;

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved, in Docket No. UE-240393, to issue an order approving the revisions to Tariff WN U-76, Schedule 191.1, System Benefits Charge Adjustment by PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power & Light Company, subject to conditions.

1. Demand Response cost will not accrue interest or be able to recover interest at this time per WAC 480-109-130(3) and,
2. The FTE position shall not be allowed to be recovered at this time.

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

- A)2. Docket Number UE-240565; Puget Sound Energy; Revises Tariff WN U-60, to update Schedule 667, Purchases from Distributed Solar Photovoltaic Systems, to expand availability by removing minimum project size restriction, align and simplify solar incentive funding, and make slight language updates. The revision also includes a new electric service, Schedule 686, Solar Energy Credit Multi-Occupant Allocation Service, allowing occupant accounts to receive solar credits from solar systems installed behind the owner's meter. Tariff Revision

This item was moved to a future open meeting.

- A)3. 1:30:15 mp4 Docket Number UG-230470; Puget Sound Energy; Joint Motion from The Energy Project, Public Counsel, Northwest Energy Coalition, and Commission Staff to compel Puget Sound Energy to comply with the provisions of Order 01. Petition

Appearances: Corey Cook, Lisa Gafken, Andrew Roberts, staff; Donna Barnett, Birud Jhaveri, Theresa Burch, Puget Sound Energy; Yochi Zakai, Shaylee Stokes, The Energy Project; Charlee Thompson, Northwest Energy Coalition; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Sommer Moser, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket No. UG-230470

1. Order PSE to continue service to customers auto-enrolled in schedule 111, low-income service, which includes the BDR program, and those customers who have not self-attested, through December 1, 2024.
2. To require PSE and the members of LLAC to discuss the best way to provide notice to customers within two weeks, and if they cannot come to an agreement by September 13, 2024, that the company will provide two rounds of direct mail notice to customers in the cadence of the 1st and 14th days and then in another 30 days, as well as telephone any customers who are past due within the last 24 months.
3. Require the parties to require briefing on the question of compliance with Order 01.

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

- A)4. 3:19 mp4 Docket Number UT-240182; Island Network, LLC; Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support in San Juan County, Washington. Petition

Appearances: Tim Zawislak, staff;

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

240182 designating Island Network, LLC *d/b/a Rock Island Communications* as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I support and Low Income (Lifeline) program support from the FCC's Federal Connect America / Universal Service Fund. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)5. 3:19 mp4 Docket Number UT-240485; Inland Cellular LLC (ETC) ; Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier to Receive Rural Digital Opportunity Fund Support in Kittitas County, Washington. Petition

Appearances: Tim Zawislak, staff;

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an order in Docket UT-240485 designating Inland Cellular, LLC as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) for the purpose of receiving federal high-cost Rural Digital Opportunity Fund (RDOF) Phase I support and Low Income (Lifeline) program support from the FCC's Federal Connect America / Universal Service Fund. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. 11:09 mp4 Docket Number TG-240468; Harold LeMay Enterprises, Inc. ; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$1.8 million (4.98 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, yard waste services. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$1.4 million (4.05 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 70,000 (residential/recycling/yard waste) customers in Thurston County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on March 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Tiffany Van Meter, Mike Young, staff;

Disposition: The commissioners took no action allowing the tariff pages filed on June 14, 2024, as revised on August 20, 2024, to take effect September 1, 2024, by operation of law.

- B)2. 19:10 mp4 Docket Number TG-240484; Mason County Garbage Co., Inc.; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$666,600 (6.73 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage and recycling services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 15,470 residential, 1,200 commercial, 125 roll-off, and 16,000

residential recycling customers in Mason County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2021. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Rachel Stark, staff; Brian Vandenburg, Mason County Garbage Co., Inc.

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Mason County Garbage Co., Inc. in Docket TG-240484 on June 14, 2024, and as revised on August 27, 2024, to become effective September 1, 2024, by operation of law.

B)3. 26:14 mp4 Docket Number TG-240494; Waste Connections of Washington, Inc.; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$2,437,000 (7.9 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of solid waste. Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$2.2 million (7.1 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 78,000 residential, 400 commercial, 400 roll-off customers in Clark County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on July 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, Mike Young, staff;

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Waste Connections of Washington, Inc., on June 14, 2024, and revised on August 20, 2024, to become effective September 1, 2024, by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Attested by _____
Jeff Killip, Executive Director