

MINUTES

Thursday, September 26, 2024

9:30 A.M.

PRESENT: Milt Doumit, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, September 26, 2024 by Commissioner Rendahl. Neiri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated there are no changes to the agenda.

E)1. Consent 00:00 mp4

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved to approve the consent agenda and directs the Secretary to sign orders and/or letters necessary to affect each action. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0).

UTILITIES:

A)1. 1:10:56 mp4 Docket Number UE-231031; Puget Sound Energy; Petition from Puget Sound Energy proposing to remove two conditions ordered by the Commission in its approval of the Company's Schedule 150 (Net Energy Metering) tariff filing in Order 01 in this docket. Petition

Appearances: Joel Nightingale, Jennifer Snyder, staff; Wendy Gerlitz, Puget Sound Energy

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved that Order 01 in this docket be amended, such as the conditions contained in paragraph 29 of that order are stricken and replaced by the following three conditions:

1. PSE will file Washington State Academy of Sciences expected Interim Report (due June 30, 2025) in this docket.

2. As informed by the findings in the Washington State Academy of Sciences expected Interim Report (to be submitted with the Commission June 30, 2025), PSE must conduct a territory-specific distributional equity analysis on its net metering program (Schedule 150) and file it in this docket. PSE must complete at least the first four (4) steps, as described in Figure 1. Key Stages in Distributional Equity Analysis Framework (or Framework), from the U.S. Department of Energy's "Distributional Equity Analysis for Energy Efficiency and Other

Distributed Energy Resources: A Practical Guide” no later than December 31, 2025.

3. At a minimum, PSE will invite members of its Conservation Resources Advisory Group, Equity Advisory Group, and Low-Income Advisory Committee to be part of its “Community and Stakeholder Involvement,” as described in the Framework.

Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

A)2. 1:42:15 mp4 Docket Number UE-240276; Avista Corporation; Annual Energy Recovery Mechanism filing, requesting approval for a \$15.8 million power cost deferral amount and \$1.2 million Solar Select Program rebate for the 2023 calendar year as well as prudence determinations for three new long-term purchase power agreements. No utility rate changes are requested. Petition

Appearances: Kody McConnell, staff; Patrick Ehrbar, Avista Corporation

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved, that pursuant to the terms of the Energy Recovery Mechanism, Avista is authorized to record their 2023 rate payer deferral of \$15,825,797, further that Avista is authorized to record an additional Solar Select Program utility ratepayer rebate of \$1,241,395, bringing the total to \$3,480,116 and finally that Avista’s new long-term resource contracts are found to be prudent. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

A)3. 1:45:47 Docket Number UE-240288; Puget Sound Energy; Annual Power Cost Adjuster filing, requesting approval for an actual 2023 ratepayer rebate of \$22.2 million, a provisional 2024 ratepayer surcharge of \$98.2 million, and collection of the \$76 million net balance amortized over 15 months from October 2024 through December 2025. A typical residential ratepayer using 800 kWh per month would see a \$2.31, or 2.11 percent, bill increase from October 2024 through December 2024 and a \$0.48, or 0.44 percent, bill decrease from October 2024 through December 2025. Petition

Appearances: Kody McConnell, Nash Callaghan, staff; Susan Free, Cara Peterman, Puget Sound Energy; Jessica Johanson-Kubin, Public Counsel; Sommer Mower, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved to issue an Order approving an actual ratepayer rebate of \$22.2 million for the 2023 annual PCA review filing, a provisional ratepayer surcharge of \$98.2 million for the 2024 annual PCA review filing subject to further prudence review and, if required, a refund in 2025, the collection of the \$76 million net balance amortized over 15 months from October 1, 2024, through December 31, 2025, and approving the 2023 regulatory

accounting of power purchase agreements supporting the Green Direct program and that the commission will address the issue of the ability to decide this matter on the open meeting, in the order. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

- A)4. 2:17:11 mp4 Docket Number UE-240461; PacifiCorp; Annual Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism filing, requesting approval for a net power cost revenue requirement increase of \$84.5 million, or 20 percent, to be recovered over 12 months effective October 1, 2024, and a negative Production Tax Credit of \$1.1 million. A typical residential ratepayer using 1,200 kWh would see a \$23.57, or 17.7 percent, increase in their bill each month. Petition

Appearances: Kody McConnell, Nash Callaghan, staff; Joe Dallas, PacifiCorp; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Sommer Moser, Alliance of Western Energy Consumers

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved that the tariff revisions PacifiCorp filed on June 24, 2024 be suspended, that the commission issue a Complaint, that a Protective Order be issued and that the matter be set for adjudication. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

- A)5. 11:35 mp4 Docket Number UW-240589; Summit View Water Works; Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$514,000 (54 percent) additional annual revenue. The Company provides water service to approximately 630 domestic and 680 irrigation customers in Benton County. The Company's last general rate case became effective November 1, 2018. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Mike Young, Colin O'Brien, staff; Michael Howard, Kirk Rathbun, Ann LaRue, Summit View Water Works; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved, in Docket UW-240589, that the Tariff Revisions filed by Summit View Water Works on July 31, 2024, be suspended, that the commission file a Complaint, that the matter be subject to adjudication, and immediately issue a Protective Order. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (2:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. 3:03 mp4 Docket Number TG-240600; Ada-Lin Waste Systems, Inc.; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$19,000 (10.5 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage services. Commission staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional

annual revenue amount of approximately \$16,600 (9.1 percent). The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 850 customers in Adams and Lincoln Counties. The Company's last general rate increase became effective in 2009. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, staff

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Ada-Lin Waste Systems, Inc. d/b/a Sunshine Disposal and Recycling, on August 7, 2024, and revised on September 11, 2024, to become effective October 1, 2024, by operation of law.

- B)2. 7:01 mp4 Docket Number TG-240628; Yakima Waste Systems, Inc.; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$965,000 (5.9 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. Commission staff and the Company have agreed to a lower revenue requirement amount of approximately \$934,000 (5.7 percent). The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 17,000 residential, 7,200 commercial, and 500 drop box customers in Yakima County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on October 1, 2023. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, staff

Disposition: The commissioners took no action, thereby allowing tariff pages filed by Yakima Waste Systems, Inc., on August 16, 2024, and revised on September 24, 2024, to become effective October 1, 2024, by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 12:11 p.m.

Attested by _____
Jeff Killip, Executive Director