

MINUTES

Thursday, November 21, 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, November 21, 2024 by Chair Danner. Nieri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated that item A1, Docket No. UE-240653 has been moved to the Other portion of the agenda and item A3, Docket No. UW-240720 has been moved 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)2. 1:45 mp4 Docket Number UT-240165; TruConnect Communications, Inc; Petition for designation as an Eligible Telecommunication Carrier in the state of Washington for the limited purpose of offering Lifeline service to qualified households throughout Washington State. Petition

Appearances: Jonathon Church, staff;

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an Order in Docket UT-240165:

- Designating TruConnect Communications, Inc as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier for the purpose of receiving Lifeline support from the federal Universal Service Fund in service areas specified in Attachment 1A and subject to the conditions in Attachment 2; and,
- Granting exemptions from Washington Administrative Code 480-123-030(1)(d), (f), and (g).

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

- A)3. Docket Number UW-240720; East Side Improvement Co., inc.; Proposed general rate increase that, as originally filed, would generate approximately \$41,200 (69.4 percent) additional revenue. The Company provides domestic and

irrigation water service to approximately 45 customers in Kittitas County. The Company's last general rate case became effective September 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances:

This item was moved to a future open meeting.

TRANSPORTATION:

B)1. 8:55 mp4 Docket Number TG-240678; Pullman Disposal Service, Inc; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$710,000 (12.7 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage yard waste and recycling services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 12,000 customers in Whitman County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on February 1, 2020. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Tiffany Van Meter, staff;

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing the Tariff pages filed by Pullman Disposal on September 4, 2024, as revised on November 15, 2024, to take effect December 1, 2024.

B)2. 12:29 mp4 Docket Number TG-240769; Excess Disposal, Inc.; Proposed general rate increase that would generate approximately \$515,000 (33 percent) additional annual revenue, after Commission Staff's review the approximate additional annual revenue is \$402,000 (25.9 percent). The Company provides water service to approximately 222 customers in Pend Oreille County. The Company's last general rate case became effective August 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jeanine Leggett, staff; Lindsay Edwards, Heather Garland, Excess Disposal;

Disposition: The Commissioners took no action, thereby allowing the tariff pages filed by Excess Disposal, Inc. d/b/a Excess Disposal Service on October 15, 2024, and revised on November 12, 2024, to take effect December 1, 2024, by operation of law.

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

C)1. (A1) 22:30 mp4 Docket Number UE-240653; Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC; Petition for an Order declaring that the Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC's purchases of biodiesel from the Chevron – Renewable Energy Group's Grays

Harbor Facility, or similarly situated biodiesel producing facilities, qualifies as a “renewable resource” under RCW 19.405.020(33)(h) for use in electric power generation qualifying under RCW 19.405.040(1). Petition for Declaratory Order

Appearances: Byron Harmon, Nash Callaghan, staff; Glenn Blackmon, Department of Commerce; Steve Johnson, Chris Zentz, Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue a Declaratory Order:

- adopting May 07, 2019 as the date certain for qualifying biodiesel for purposes of RCW 19.405.020(3)(h)
- finding that Goldfinch’s purchases of renewable biodiesel from the Grays Harbor Facility, or similarly situated renewable biodiesel producing facilities, qualify as “renewable resources” for purposes of RCW 19.405.020(33)(h) and RCW 19.405.040(1), subject to the requirement that Goldfinch provides to the commission an annual report of its purchases of product and facilities, verifying the source of the product meets the date certain requirement in the statute, by December 31 each year.

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

Chair Danner recessed the meeting at 10:57

Chair Danner reconvened the meeting on November 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

RECESSED:

- D)1. 3:29 mp4 Docket Number UE-230793; Avista Corporation; NOTE: This item will be heard on Tuesday, November 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. Avista Utilities 2025 Draft Electric Integrated Resource Plan. Plan

Appearances: Molly Morgan, Joel Nightingale, Heather Moline, staff; James Gall, Grant Forsyth, Avista Corporation; Jean Marie Dreyer, Public Counsel

This was for presentation purposes only.

The meeting adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

Attested by _____
Jeff Killip, Executive Director