

MINUTES

**Thursday, April 24, 2025
9:30 A.M.**

PRESENT: Brian Rybarik, Chair
Milt Doumit, Commissioner
Ann Rendahl, Commissioner

The regular meeting of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission was called to order on Thursday, April 24, 2025 by Chair Rybarik. Neiri Carrasco, Director, Regulatory Services, indicated no changes to the agenda.

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. 5:18 mp4 Docket Number UE-220196; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for an accounting order for authorization to use deferred accounting for fund grants disbursed under the Washington Participatory Funding Agreement. Petition

Appearances: Corey Dahl, Jeff Roberson, Staff; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Ajay Kumar, PacifiCorp

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved to reconsider the adoption of that motion to the extent that we disallow carrying costs in that decision and bring the matter back to the original position it was in for discussion later. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)2. 5:18 mp4 Docket Number UG-220197; Puget Sound Energy; Petition for an accounting order for authorization to use deferred accounting for fund grants disbursed under the Washington Participatory Funding Agreement. Petition

Appearances: Corey Dahl, Jeff Roberson, Staff; Susan Free, Puget Sound Energy; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Ajay Kumar, PacifiCorp

Disposition: Commissioner Doumit moved to reconsider the adoption of that motion to the extent that we disallow carrying costs in that decision and bring the matter back to the original position it was in for discussion later. Commissioner Rendahl seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

- A)3. 1:32:35 mp4 Docket Number UW-250104; East Side Improvement Co., Inc.; General rate increase request that, as originally filed, would have generated approximately \$59,477 (131.67 percent) additional annual revenue for water services. Commission Staff and the Company have agreed to a lower additional annual revenue amount of approximately \$25,925 (54 percent) resulting in lower revised rates. The Company provides regulated domestic and irrigation water service to 44 customers in Kittitas County. This is the Company's first general rate since becoming regulated effective on July 1, 2022. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Rachel Stark, Jeff Roberson Staff; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Elliott Severson, East Side Improvement Co., Inc.; Jon Ward, Isaac and Megan Sullivan, Barbara Davis, Michelle Heinrichson, Patrick Bufl, Consumers

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl Issue to extend consideration of docket UW-250104 until the Open Meeting of June 26, 2025, based on the April 23, 2025 letter from Mr. Severson as well as his verbal agreement on the record. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

TRANSPORTATION:

- B)1. 26:29 mp4 Docket Number TG-250164; Kent-Meridian Disposal Company; General rate increase request that generates approximately \$1,074,310 (7.26 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 22,000 residential and commercial customers in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on April 1, 2023. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Jeanine Leggett, Jeff Roberson, Staff; Wendy Weiker, Kent-Meridian Disposal Company; Christine Kim, Andy Smith, King County SWD; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Sean Roe, Consumer

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to suspend the filing, allowing the rates to go into effect, subject to refund pending further review by all the parties. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)2. 1:08:01 mp4 Docket Number TG-250171; Rabanco Ltd.; General rate increase request for Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Eastside Disposal that generates approximately \$413,404 (6.5 percent) additional annual revenue for the collection of garbage, recycling, and yard waste services. Commission Staff and the Company have agreed to a revised additional annual revenue of approximately \$321,000 (4.9 percent). The Company provides regulated solid waste collection service to approximately 11,000 residential and commercial garbage, recycling, and yard waste customers in King County. The Company's last general rate increase became effective on May 1, 2024. Tariff Revision

Appearances: Scott Sevall, Staff; Wendy Weiker, Kent-Meridian Disposal Company; Tad Robinson O'Neill, Public Counsel; Christine Kim, King County SWD

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved that the Commission enter an Order in docket TG-250171, suspending the tariff pages filed by Rabanco Ltd. d/b/a Eastside Disposal and Republic Services on March 13, 2025, and revised on April 15, 2025, to become effective on May 1, 2025, subject to the condition that rates are subject to refund, pending further review by all the parties. Commissioner Doumit seconded the motion. The motion carried (3:0)

B)3. 1:26:03 mp4 Docket Number TS-250098; Backcountry Travels LLC; Transfer Full Ownership of Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry and certificate BC068772 from current owners to Brun Garfoot and Reed Courtney. Application for Transfer

Appearances: Patrick Remfrey, Staff; Brun Garfoot, Discover Lake Chelan LLC

Disposition: Commissioner Rendahl moved to issue an Order granting the Application and allowing the transfer of ownership of Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry (certificate BC068772) from Lyndsey Courtney, Colter Courtney, Clifford Courtney, and Kerry Courtney to Brun Garfoot and Reed Courtney of Discover Lake Chelan LLC, subject to the following condition(s):

1) Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry, shall comply with the Revised Code of Washington 81.84 and Washington Administrative Code 480-51 in addition to rules prescribed by the Commission for public service companies in general.

2) Backcountry Travels LLC d/b/a Stehekin Ferry ownership must comply with Commission investigations in a timely manner.

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

OTHER: No Other items for this agenda.

RECESSED: No Recessed items for this agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

Attested by _____
Jeff Killip, Executive Director