

NOTICE OF MEETING BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NUMBER 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY ON ESTABLISHMENT OF 10-YEAR CONSERVATION POTENTIAL AND BIENNIAL CONSERVATION TARGETS AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE ENERGY INDEPENDENCE ACT

TO INTERESTED PERSONS

The Board of Commissioners of the Chelan County PUD (Commission) hereby gives notice that it is initiating consideration of 10-year and two-year conservation targets as required under the state Energy Independence Act, also known as voter Initiative 937, as codified in RCW Chapter 19.285.

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing to discuss setting 10- and two-year conservation targets for 1 p.m. Monday, Dec. 7, 2015, in the Commission boardroom at 327 N. Wenatchee Ave., Wenatchee, Wash. The public also will have an opportunity to comment following a staff presentation to the Commission at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 16, 2015, in the Commission boardroom.

CONSERVATION TARGETS BACKGROUND

RCW Chapter 19.285 imposes targets for energy conservation and use of eligible renewable resources on the state's electric utilities that serve more than 25,000 customers. Specifically, these utilities, both public and private, must secure 15 percent of their power supply from renewable resources by 2020. The utilities must also set and meet energy conservation targets.

Under the initiative, conservation is defined as any reduction in electric power consumption resulting from an increase in the efficiency of energy use, production or distribution. Since Jan. 1, 2010, qualifying utilities have been required to begin acquiring all conservation that is cost-effective, reliable and feasible as stated in the RCW Section 80.52.030. Each utility is required to set an annual target consisting of a certain share of this achievable cost-effective conservation potential and to meet that share of conservation. The determination of the utility conservation target must be consistent with methodologies used by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council.

Under the initiative, a utility must identify its achievable cost-effective conservation potential. Every two years the utility must review and update its 10-year assessment. Each impacted utility must establish a biennial acquisition target and meet that target during the subsequent two-year period. The two-year target cannot be less than the pro rata share for that two-year period of its cost effective conservation potential for the next 10 years.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES

To learn more or provide comments, visit the Chelan County PUD website at www.chelanpud.org. See "Conservation/Environment," then "Energy Conservation," then "Energy Independence Act." Email comments to conservation@chelanpud.org.