RESOLUTION NO. 09-13504

A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT'S 10-YEAR CONSERVATION POTENTIAL PLAN AND TWO-YEAR CONSERVATION TARGET AS REQUIRED UNDER RCW CHAPTER 19.285

FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR ACTION

In November 2006, Washington voters approved the Energy Independence Act, also known as Initiative 937. The Act, codified as 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. The District serves more than 25,000 electric customers and is subject to the Act’s requirements.

Conservation is defined in the statute as any reduction in electric power consumption resulting from an increase in the efficiency of energy use, production or distribution. Beginning January 1, 2010, qualifying utilities must begin acquiring all conservation that is cost-effective, reliable and feasible. A utility must identify its achievable cost-effective conservation potential through 2019. Every two years the utility must review and update its 10-year conservation potential plan. Each impacted utility must establish a biennial acquisition target and meet that target during the subsequent two-year period.

To assist utilities in determining their conservation potential plan, the Washington State Department of Commerce adopted the calculation tools developed by the Northwest Power and Conservation Council in the Fifth Northwest Electric and Power Conservation Plan issued in May 2005. Utilities may utilize one of three methods to calculate their conservation potential. Staff is recommending utilization of the calculation option identified as “Conservation Calculator Option” as being the best method at this point in time for determining the District’s 10-year conservation potential plan. The recommended 10-year conservation potential plan is attached as Exhibit A. The General Manager concurs with this recommendation.

On October 18, 2009, a legal advertisement notifying customers of an opportunity to submit public comment on conservation targets and planning appeared in The Wenatchee World. On November 1, 2009, a display advertisement notifying customers of a hearing scheduled for November 16, 2009 and inviting public comment appeared in The Wenatchee World. On November 16, 2009, the properly noticed public hearing established the 10-year conservation potential plan and two-year conservation target as required under RCW Chapter 19.285. No comments were received prior to the hearing on November 16, 2009.
ACTION

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION of PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY that:

Section 1. It is in the best interest of the District to establish the 10-year conservation potential plan and two-year conservation target as set forth in Exhibit A. The Commission will review the plan and target as required by RCW 19.285. The District’s biennial target shall be no less than its pro rata share of its 10-year conservation potential plan.

Dated this 16th day of November, 2009.

[Signatures]

President

Vice President

Secretary

Commissioner

Commissioner

ATTEST:
Chelan County PUD
10-year Conservation Potential Plan
Source: 5th Power Plan Conservation Calculator Option

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