

RESOLUTION NO. 11 - 13692

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 (the 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 are required under the Act to begin acquiring all conservation that is cost-effective, reliable and feasible. Utilities are required to identify their achievable cost-effective conservation potential. Every two years the utility must review and update its 10-year conservation potential plan. Each impacted utility must establish a biennial acquisition target that is not less than the pro rata share of the 10-year conservation potential 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 "Utility Specific Analysis" as being the best method at this point in time for determining and updating 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 November 13, 2011, a legal advertisement notifying customers of a public hearing and opportunity to submit public comment on conservation targets and planning appeared in The Wenatchee World. On December 5, 2011, 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 December 5, 2011.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

  
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President

ATTEST:

  
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Vice President

  
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Secretary

  
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Commissioner

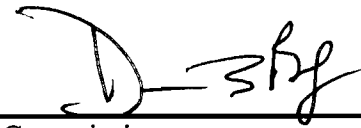
  
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Commissioner

Exhibit A

### Chelan County PUD 10-year Conservation Potential Plan

