

RESOLUTION NO. 10 - 13564

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S 2010  
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

**FACTUAL BACKGROUND AND REASONS FOR ACTION**

RCW 19.280 requires the District as a consumer-owned utility to develop electric utility resource plans and progress reports as defined in the statute. According to the statute,

“It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the development of new safe, clean and reliable energy resources to meet demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity. To achieve this end, the legislature finds it essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers’ electricity needs in both the short-term and the long-term. The legislature intends that information obtained from integrated resource planning under this chapter will be used to assist in identifying and developing new energy generation, conservation and efficiency resources, and related infrastructure to meet the state’s electricity needs.”

RCW 19.280 requires investor-owned and consumer-owned utilities with more than 25,000 retail customers to produce a progress report every two years and a fully updated 10-year plan every four years. Consumer-owned utilities must encourage participation of their consumers in development of their plans and progress reports after providing public notice and hearing. The District is a consumer-owned utility with more than 25,000 retail customers.

District staff has developed a 2010 integrated resource plan (IRP) progress report in compliance with RCW 19.280. The progress report reflects changing conditions and progress of the 2008 IRP.

To encourage participation of its consumers in the development of this progress report, District staff made a presentation to the Board of Commissioners on June 21, 2010 that was published in a display advertisement in the Wenatchee World on June 20, 2010. The presentation described RCW 19.280, gave an overview of the progress report content and set forth a public meeting schedule for further public comment and hearing. Additionally, a website (<http://www.chelanpud.org/IRP.html>) was identified as being available to the public to review and make comments. On July 25, 2010, another display advertisement appeared in the Wenatchee World inviting public participation in the next scheduled Board meeting on August 2, 2010 for presentation of the final draft progress report for review. The same advertisement also invited public participation in the hearing to be held at the Board meeting on August 16, 2010 and indicated that District staff would be requesting commission approval of the progress report. Additionally, a legal advertisement also appeared in the Wenatchee World on July 25, 2010 notifying customers of this final hearing on August 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. The legal notice has been submitted for the hearing record.

On August 16, 2010, the properly noticed public hearing was held. District staff recommended adoption of the proposed 2010 IRP progress report presented at the August 2, 2010 public meeting, as a thorough analysis and a fair representation of the District's resource planning situation throughout the planning period of the IRP progress report (2010-2020). Further, staff recommended that the 2010 IRP progress report be approved, made available to the public and submitted to the Washington State Department of Commerce by September 1, 2010. No public comment was received.

The development of an IRP and related progress reports is exempt from the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) pursuant to RCW 43.21C and WAC 197-11-800(17).

The General Manager of the District has reviewed District staff's recommendation and concurs in the same.

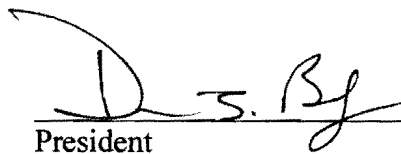
**ACTION**

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CHELAN COUNTY, as follows:

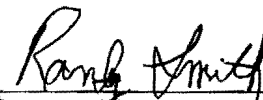
Section 1. The District's 2010 IRP progress report is hereby approved and the General Manager of the District is hereby authorized to make it available to the public and submit the IRP progress report, in its entirety, to the Washington State Department of Commerce by September 1, 2010 and take other steps necessary to comply with RCW 19.280.

Section 2. Adoption of the 2010 IRP progress report is exempt from the requirements of SEPA.

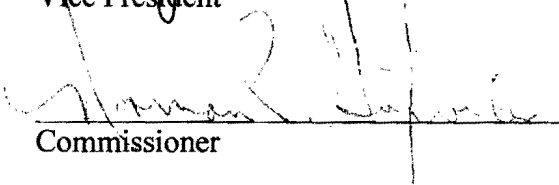
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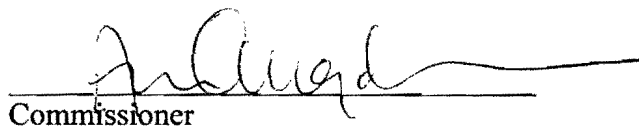
  
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