

Minutes of the Special Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington June 4, 2025

The special meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held at Confluence Technology Center, 285 Technology Center Way, Wenatchee, Washington, on June 4, 2025, at the hour of 5:30pm, pursuant to proper notice.

Commissioners present: Steve McKenna, President
Garry Arseneault
Randy Smith
Kelly Allen

Staff present: Kirk Hudson, General Manager
Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel
Rebekah Neumann, Clerk of the Board
Various staff

Others present: Approximately 30 members of the public

Call To Order

- President McKenna called the meeting to order at 5:34pm

Data Centers and Large Load Contracts

- Charles von Reis, Managing Attorney, and Mike Bradshaw, Director Energy Structure and Trading, reviewed the large load framework and draft terms of the Microsoft agreement
- The large load framework is designed not to affect rates or reliability of other customers; Chelan PUD will maintain control of its assets and manage them for the benefit of its customer-owners
 - Reviewed how the contract template aligns with the large load framework guiding principles

Microsoft Presentation


- Irene Plenisich, Senior Director of Government Affairs, and Paul Butler, Senior Community Affairs Manager, from Microsoft reviewed a presentation covering:
 - Statistics of Microsoft datacenters worldwide
 - Community investments and economic impacts
 - How the datacenter will be powered along with water efficiency

Public Comment

- Jim Kuntz, Regional Port Authority, noted that each datacenter built will put \$400M per building on the tax rolls
 - Chelan County is expected to collect \$28M in new sales tax over 10 years
 - Microsoft has upgraded the Malaga water system beyond what Microsoft needs for the benefit of the community

- Anticipate about 30 jobs per building, which is a large economic benefit to the area
- Four community members commented:
 - Expressed concerns about partnering with Microsoft and their support of foreign governments and the Wenatchee Valley College's shift in focus to datacenter academy
 - Opposition to using local power for Microsoft or other large loads and the threat to local jobs
 - Questions about the third-party power supplier, clean energy attributes and how Chelan PUD is planning to address capacity issues
 - Expressing appreciation for the mindfulness Chelan PUD has put into this effort in advance of signing a contract

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25pm.



Vice President



Commissioner



President



Secretary



Commissioner