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# Minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington October 19, 2026

The regular meeting of the Commission, of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington, was held in the office of the District, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, Washington, on October 19, 2026, at the hour of 10:00 am, pursuant to proper notice.

**Commissioners present:** Kelly Allen, President
Garry Arseneault
Carnan Bergren
Steve McKenna

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

**Guests present:** Colleen Frei, Aaron Young, Katie Renslow, Levi Renslow

**Call to Order**
President Allen called the meeting to order at 10:00am

**Pledge of Allegiance and Safety/H&OP Minute**
- Brent Simmons, General Foreman - Communications, led the pledge and provided information on safe driving in winter conditions

**Agenda**
- Resolutions 8 and 9 were moved to the consent agenda; the agenda was approved as revised

**Strategic Goals Update**
- Dan Koch, Chief Operating Officer, Erik Wahlquist, General Counsel, and Janet Jaspers, Chief Energy Resources Officer, provided an update on progress made on the five strategic plan goals
- Reviewed highlights of steady progress being made across major initiatives
- Highlighted customer bill assistance program; number of customers being helped has nearly doubled
- Strategic priorities are progressing as planned, with several major projects and long-term planning efforts remaining on schedule

**One Integrated Utility Rate Plan**
- Mark Mullins, Director Enterprise Planning, Risk & Analytics, and Nathan Townsend, Manager Strategic Financial Planning, reviewed a proposed five-year integrated utility rate plan
- Highlighted proposed rates, funding method and annual review process
  - Proposed rates are: no change for Fiber, 2.5% for water, 4% for wastewater, and 5% for retail electric
- The plan is designed around one methodology, not one rate

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- The proposed 5-year plan would include an annual process for the Board to approve the rate plan, operating budget, capital budget and funding plan creating one coordinated framework for financial operating targets, service-specific rates, capital priorities and funding
- Reviewed year one funding approach to set systems up for success
- Commissioners were complimentary of the proposed plan and provided their feedback

MOTION
Moved by: Commissioner McKenna
Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault
To set the following special board meetings for the purpose of informational meetings on proposed rate actions:
- On Monday, October 26, 2026 at 5:30 pm at the Leavenworth PUD office, 222 Chumstick Highway, Leavenworth, WA
- On Tuesday, October 27, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Chelan PUD office, 1034 East Woodin Avenue, Chelan, WA, and
- On Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Chelan PUD Service Center, 203 Olds Station Road, Wenatchee, WA, and
- Set a public rate hearing on November 2, 2026 at 10:00am at the Chelan PUD Service Center
Approved: Unanimously

**Consent Agenda**

President Allen presented the consent agenda, which included the following items:

- Minutes of the October 5, 2026 Regular Meeting
- Vouchers: Accounts Payable Summary Report dated October 13, 2026:
  - Vouchers totaling $14,483,366.14;
  - Approval of Customer Deposit Returns and Conservation Incentive payments for the period September 29, 2026 through October 12, 2026 in the amount of $38,574.82.
  - Approval of the net Payroll, Warrant Nos. 239041 through 239043 and Advice Nos. 831393 through 832280 for the pay period ending October 04, 2026 in the amount of $3,268,986.67.
  - Approval of Warrant Nos. 35292 through 35345 totaling $31,969.15 for claim payments from the workers' compensation self-insurance fund for the period ending October 12, 2026.
- Resolution 8. RESOLUTION NO. 26-15107 REJECTING THE BID PROPOSALS OF GENERAL PACIFIC, INC. (NEHRING BRAND) OF FAIRVIEW, OREGON AND BORDER STATES (PRIORITY BRAND), OF LACEY, WASHINGTON AND ACCEPTING THE BID PROPOSAL OF BORDER STATES (NEHRING BRAND) OF LACEY, WA (BID 26-15227) FOR PURCHASE AND SUPPLY OF 795CM CONDUCTOR
- Resolution 9. RESOLUTION NO. 26-15108 APPROVING BID ADVERTISEMENT, AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION FOR MOBILE SUBSTATION PURCHASE - MOBILE 6, BID NO. 26-15258

MOTION
Moved by: Commissioner McKenna
Seconded by: Commissioner Arseneault
To approve the consent agenda as revised to include Resolutions 8 and 9
Approved: Unanimously

**Capital Budget Revision: Rock Island Dam Safety Instrumentation Improvements**

- Brandon Little, Principal Civil Engineer, reviewed a capital budget revision request for Rock Island instrumentation improvements
- Reviewed project scope and alignment with District goals and value of the project and budget revision

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MOTION
Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault
Seconded by: Commissioner McKenna
To increase the total budget for capital project RI250011, Rock Island Dam Safety Instrumentation Improvements, in the amount of $1,413,000 for a revised total project budget of $7,118,000
Approved: Unanimously

**Capital Budget Revision: Tumwater Canyon Power Relocate**

- Toby Tarzwell, Senior Project Manager C (Fiber), reviewed a capital budget revision request for Tumwater Canyon power relocate
- Additional costs are driven by an opportunity to complete work this year that was originally planned for 2027 along and additional expenses for excavation, traffic control and construction support
- Kirk Hudson, General Manager, recognized staff for their perseverance in resolving ongoing issues with this line; the line is in rough terrain and often conditions are poor when the line needs maintenance

MOTION
Moved by: Commissioner Arseneault
Seconded by: Commissioner McKenna
To increase the total budget for capital project DS260007, Tumwater Canyon Power Relocate, in the amount of $500,000 for a revised total project budget of $3,500,000
Approved: Unanimously

**Manager Items**

- Kirk Hudson noted that the Commissioner's quarterly attendance report was included in the meeting packet
- David Lodge, Project Delivery Manager, noted that today the YMCA opens to the public at 315 Electric Avenue in Wenatchee
  - Ribbon-cutting last week; YMCA was complimentary of construction partners and the community for raising over $30M
  - The final piece of the PUD's campus is the headquarters building; actively working to find the right partner for adaptive reuse of the space that will benefit the community
    - The Museum is currently closed for renovation, and we've allowed them to use the building for their annual haunted house fundraiser
- Libby Siebens, Director Communications and Public Affairs, introduced Nathan MacDonald, Communications Manager and noted that the District will be completing a biannual customer-owner satisfaction survey
  - Customer-owner satisfaction survey will begin in the next couple of weeks

**Upcoming Learning Opportunities**

- Commissioners McKenna and Allen will be attending the Energy Northwest Public Power Forum this week

**Commission Items**

- Commissioner Bergren recently toured the Eastbank Hatchery during the spawning process
  - Also a member of the Regional Water Board; surface water collection project is expected to have a positive impact on fish
  - Noted that the hatchery has aging infrastructure and may be looking at a modernization project
- Commissioners Arseneault and Allen recently visited the Grand Coulee Dam
  - 6,809Mw capacity with 33 generators; an impressive structure
  - Regional and national pressures lead to the construction of Grand Coulee; many parallels to today's environment
- Commissioner Allen asked Commissioners to consider the Strategic Goals presentation and where they need additional metrics or information to make more informed decisions, then provide that feedback to Kirk

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**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from 10/5/26 Board meeting**

- None

**Follow up on Delegation of Action Items from Previous meetings**

- Chris Blayne/Lindsey Mohns will provide information on what we've learned from other utilities that have expanded their customer bill assistance program and whether it impacted conservation efforts – completed by email 10/19/26

**Delegation of Action Items**

- Justin Erickson will provide information comparing current Discovery Center visitor and student information to the pre-renovation statistics

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm.

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