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Minutes of the Special Meeting of Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington October 28, 2026

The special 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 28, 2026, at the hour of 5:30 pm, pursuant to proper notice thereof.

Commissioners present:
Kelly Allen, President
Carnan Bergren
Randy Smith
Steve McKenna

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

Guests: 5 members of the public

Call To Order

- President Allen called the meeting to order at 5:30pm
- Mark Mullins, Director Financial Enterprise Planning and Risk Analytics, led the pledge of allegiance

2027 – 2031: Five-Year 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
- 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

Public Comments

- Denali White, Wenatchee – expressed concern about data center impacts on cost of components and the sale of power to Microsoft
  - Asked for more transparency on where power for Microsoft is coming from
- Jim White, PUD Customer – concern is with data centers using a tremendous amount of resources
  - Noted the District's strong financial position
  - E3's regional report predicts a 9GW shortage in the next decade
  - Want us on the path for a sustainable, renewable future
- Becky, Malaga – rate discussions have to include the topic of data centers; data centers highlight the availability of power when selecting a location
  - Expressed environmental concerns related to data center site in Malaga
  - Concerned that Wenatchee Valley is losing its economic diversity

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There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 6:37pm.

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Vice President

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