



Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County

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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the January 22, 2019 Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A. Financial Resolution # 1769- With staff involvement Deanna Gregory has prepared Resolution 1769 as required to establish a \$10 million Operating Line of Credit
- B. Policy 9- Financial Policy- After discussion during 1/8/19 Commission meeting, staff has made further revisions to Policy 9 document for Board review and potential approval.
- C. Professional Services Approval - In December, we published our request for proposals. We also contacted all of our current firms listed on our roster. We have received a response from 16 firms to date. Staff is requested approval of those firms.
- D. Approval of Contractors- Staff has evaluated information received from Veteran Tree Service. They have met our requirements and Staff requests that we add them to our small works roster for 2019. In addition, Staff requests approval of the vendors who have renewed their qualifications for 2019.
- E. Surplus of Domnick-Hunter Siloxane Removal System- Since the transition to the RNG facility, Staff is recommending that we surplus the two Domnick-Hunter Siloxane Removal Systems. By removing the systems no longer utilized with RNG, it will provide for expansion and optimization of the new RNG facility.
- F. Executive Session- (1) Review of Performance of a Public Employee
(2) Potential Litigation

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- 1. **NISC Conversion** – the process appears to be going well. Not without its issues, but staff is staying ahead of them. I will have staff provide status updates on both the billing and accounting systems. The accounting system go live is the week of January 28th.
- 2. **RNG Operational Status Update** – Kevin and Mike will provide an update at the meeting.
- 3. **Draft Wild Fire Bill** – the Senate bill is SB 5305. The prime sponsor is Van de Wage, Committee Chair. Co-sponsor is Warnick, Committee ranking member. Also signed on are Takko, McCoy, Short and Sheldon. The House bill is HB 1334. Sponsor is Blake, Committee chair. Co-sponsors are Kretz, Chapman and Chandler so far. SB 5305 is attached. The house bill is identical.
- 4. **Renewable Natural Gas Tax Bill** – the Senate Bill is 5108. Sponsors are King, McCoy and Palumbo. The House Bill is HB 1070. Sponsor is Mosbucker and co-sponsors are Ftizgibbon,

Tharinger, and Doglio. The House Bill is scheduled for Executive Session January 24th.

5. **Low Carbon Fuel Standard Bill** – I testified in support of this bill given the potential value of an LCFS credit if the model does in fact mirror California. There are changes that we would like to see made and I am working with Dave Warren on those.
6. **Public Power Council** – I am on the Executive Committee again for the next two Years. Gwyn Miller is our alternate.
7. **RNG Dedication** – Miland Walling and I met with Matt Steurwalt in Olympia to discuss the potential to have the Governor attend our dedication, tentatively scheduled for June 1st. It fits well with his goals and we will work with his staff, but given thousands of invitations, we will let you know how the process goes.
8. **WPUA Legislative Reception** – all three of our legislators were in attendance, along with Senator Honeyford. I was very impressed with Chris Corry. We discussed net metering as he has at least one of our customers who has gone to him with complaints over our handling of the costs assigned. The issue appears to be disagreement over cost shifts as we heard in our public meetings.