

Public Utility District No. 1 of Klickitat County
Board of Commissioners' Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023
AGENDA

ONE TIME USE – **Regular Meeting** Call in number option: 844-621-3956 (Access Code: 2484 672 6337)

KPUD Commission Meeting Start Time – 2:00 p.m. as Advertised;

Location: 1313 S. Columbus Ave. - Goldendale, WA

➤ **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

➤ Approval of Minutes - 06/27/2023 Meeting

➤ Approval of Claims/Vouchers for period ending 07/11/2023 *(Cara Smith)*

➤ Approval of Payroll for period ending 07/02/2023 *(Cara Smith)*

➤ **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

REPORTS – 10 min. each:

- Renewable Energy Assets update *(Kevin Ricks)*
- Finance and Power Management update *(Mike DeMott)*
- May Financials *(Sarah Honkala)*
- Commissioners' Reports
- Assistant General Manager *(Gwyn Miller)*
- General Manager *(Jim Smith)*

GUESTS:

- Keith Simovic

AGENDA ITEMS – (see Manager's Report for further details)

- A. Moss Adams 2022 Financial Audit Presentation - *(Keith Simovic)*
- B. Power Transformers 2023: Reject All Bids and Call for New Bid - *(Russ Patton)*
- C. Public Hearing Electrical Industrial Rate Schedule 3A8 - *(Mike DeMott and Brandy Myers)*
- D. Electrical Industrial Rate Schedule 3A8 Adoption - *(Mike DeMott and Brandy Myers)*
- E. Policy 21 Electric Customer Service - *(Brandy Myers)*
- F. Policy 7 Credit Sales: Collections/Charges and Adjustments - *(Brandy Myers)*
- G. Carbon Free Power Source, Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Investigation - *(Mike DeMott and Kevin Ricks)*
- H. Fire Mitigation Update - *(Mark Garner and Mike Nixon)*

ADJOURNMENT

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- WPUA Association Meeting July 12-14
- WPUA Water Committee July 13



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GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT TO THE BOARD For the **July 11, 2023** Meeting

AGENDA ITEMS:

- A.** Moss Adams 2022 Financial Audit Presentation - Keith Simovic will conduct a presentation of the 2022 audit results via teleconference.
- B.** Power Transformers 2023: Reject All Bids and Call for New Bid - Russ Patton will be present to request that we reject all bids and rebid these transformers. Only one bid was received, it exceeded the engineering estimate threshold and could not meet delivery date requested. The bid documents have been revised in an effort to obtain competitive bids.
- C.** Public Hearing Electrical Industrial Rate Schedule 3A8 - We have a public hearing at 3:00 p.m. On May 1st, 2019 the Industrial Rate threshold was increased to 2,000 average kW. The purpose of today's rate hearing is to decrease this threshold to 1,000 average kW to align with the upper threshold of the Large General Service Rate. Peak threshold of 2,500 kW remains intact.
- D.** Electrical Industrial Rate Schedule 3A8 Adoption - After holding the public hearing and consideration of any public comment has been evaluated, staff is recommending approval of the updates to Rate Schedule 3A8 as presented.
- E.** Policy 21 Electric Customer Service - The modification proposed within Policy 21, Section III Service Requirements changes the kW average load from 2,000 kW to 1,000 kW. This change provides between general service loads and large service load consistency within the policy.
- F.** Policy 7 Credit Sales: Collections/Charges and Adjustments - Modifications to Policy 7 are proposed to align with process changes in response to extreme heat moratorium and legislation (Section VII, F).
- G.** Carbon Free Power Source, Small Modular Nuclear Reactor Investigation - Mike DeMott and Kevin Ricks will provide an update at the meeting.
- H.** Fire Mitigation Update - Mark Garner and Mike Nixon will review the procedures that have been implemented for the fire season.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Rodger Nichols Newspaper Series “KPUD Straight Talk” - The first article of the series was published in the Goldendale Sentinel on July 5. The second article is scheduled to be run July 12th. They will also be running on the Columbia Gorge News on a one-week delay and the online Columbia Community Connection as they receive them from us.

Attached are the first two articles, although the second is still a draft at this time.

2. My Schedule:

- a. I will be on PTO July 10-14 and then attending the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER) Annual Summit- Boise ID July 17-20

I have not been to this event before as it is primarily legislators, policy makers, and business leaders in general as opposed to our normal utility focus. My interest is how this larger regional view on electrification of transportation, building codes and carbon goals jives (or not) with the State views and with our electric utility views of what is coming. I am focused on perspectives on load growth expectations, the potential for legislative changes in the event of blackouts or other power disruptions and how we can try and keep our options open. I hope it is worthwhile.

- b. The Department of Commerce is holding a Resource Adequacy update conference call July 26 that I am planning on participating in.
- c. White Salmon City Council - Rescheduled TBD

3. Mile Marker 28 Settlement Agreement Press Release - attached is the Order of Dismissal issued by the United State District Court completing all aspects of the settlement on Mile Marker 28 claims. Also attached is the press release which we plan on issuing on Friday July 14. I did not want to issue it sooner as I will be away from the office on PTO next week and I want to be available if there are inquiries.