

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1
OF
JEFFERSON COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-26

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington (“the PUD”), amending the Customer Service Policy to include section 10.6 – Low Income Rate Reduction Program.

WHEREAS, RCW 54.24.080 provides that the PUD’s rates and charges shall be fair and nondiscriminatory, unless otherwise authorized in RCW 74.38.070 regarding low-income customers; and

WHEREAS, RCW 74.38.070 states that the PUD may provide such services at reduced rates for senior low-income citizens, or other low-income citizens as defined by a resolution adopted by the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the PUD Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2017-002 on or about March 7, 2017 regarding the PUD’s Low-Income Customer Rate Reduction Program, and granting a rate reduction to all customers who meet the income guidelines; and

WHEREAS, the PUD Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2018-002, amending the definition of “low income customer” as a PUD customer whose income does not exceed one hundred and fifty percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG); and

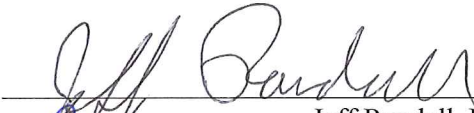
WHEREAS, Section 10.6 of the Customer Service Policy defines both the standard low-income program and the senior low-income program, the income qualifications, and enrollment period for each program; and

WHEREAS, Section 10.6 of the Customer Service Policy will grant automatic enrollment in the standard low-income program to any customer who receives either a Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) or Rainy-Day Funds grant, as the income qualification for these programs is at or below one hundred and fifty percent of Federal Poverty Level (FPL);


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Customer Service Policy of Jefferson County PUD No. 1, is hereby amended to include section 10.6 – Low-Income Rate Reduction Program.

ADOPTED by the Commission of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, at a regular open meeting this 7th day of October 2019.

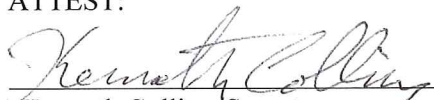


Jeff Randall, President



Dan Toepper, Vice President

ATTEST:



Kenneth Collins, Secretary

10.6 – Low Income Rate Reduction Program

The District will offer a reduced rate to its residential customers who fall below the defined income threshold as stated in this policy. The amount of the discount/credit shall be set forth in the Schedule of Deposits, Credits, and Misc. Charges – section fourteen (14) of this policy. Each applicant will be required to provide identification and proof of income for all members of the household who are over the age of eighteen (18).

Each Customer may receive a credit on their Jefferson County PUD No.1 electric, water, and sewer account, at a single location. The Customer who is applying for the Rate Reduction Program must reside at the location that is to be billed at the low-income rate.

Should a customer receive a LIHEAP grant, or the District's Rainy-Day funds, they will be automatically enrolled in the District's Low-Income Rate Reduction Program for a period of one (1) year, provided the PUD account holder is listed as the recipient of the grant funds.

10.6.1 – Standard Low-Income Rate Reduction Program

Any customer whose household income is less than or equal to one hundred and fifty percent of the federal poverty level (150% FPL) will be eligible to receive a low-income discounted rate on their electric, water, and sewer accounts.

Once a Customer's eligibility is approved, they will receive a credit each month on each of their qualifying accounts for a period of one (1) year, at which time the Customer will be required to reapply for the rate reduction program.

10.6.2 – Senior Low-Income Rate Reduction Program

Any Customer who is over the age of sixty-two (62) and whose household annual adjusted gross income is less than or equal to thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per year, will be eligible to receive a low-income discounted rate on their Jefferson County PUD No. 1 electric, water, and sewer accounts.

Once a Customer's eligibility is approved, they will receive a credit each month on each of their qualifying accounts for a period of two (2) years, at which time the Customer will be required to reapply for the rate reduction program.