

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1  
OF  
JEFFERSON COUNTY**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-024**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, authorizing rates for the sale of retail Internet Services; approving revised rates for wholesale Internet Services, and approving Telecommunication Customer Service Policies.

WHEREAS, the PUD has been working on the development of a Broadband fiber optic network to provide retail and wholesale Internet Services to serve the residents of Jefferson County, Washington over the past several years; and

WHEREAS, at the April 13, 2021 Special meeting of the PUD, staff presented initial drafts of retail and wholesale rates for proposed services to be offered on a for retail and wholesale Internet Services as well as Telecommunication Customer Service Policies, and the Board of Commissioners also reviewed these rates and polices on April 20, 2021, May 4, 2021 and May 25, 2021; and

WHEREAS, at its June 15, 2021 Regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners, authorized staff to apply for grant funding from both state and federal broadband grant funding sources, and specifically authorized the PUD to apply for a Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB) grant in Resolution No. 2021-016; and

WHEREAS, at the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners the staff presented a plan regarding the Quilcene, Discovery Bay and Gardiner communities in Jefferson County, Washington (the “Olympic Fiber Corridor Project”) demonstrating the unserved and underserved nature of Broadband services in these communities; and

WHEREAS, at the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting the Board of Commissioners of the PUD adopted Resolution No. 2021-018 authorizing PUD staff to respond to a Request for Information from the Washington State Broadband Office and for the PUD to commit the resources necessary to serve as a provider for retail and wholesale Internet Services for the Olympic Fiber Corridor Project; and

WHEREAS, on July 26, 2021 the Washington State Broadband Office notified the PUD that the Olympic Fiber Corridor Project had been selected to be included in the Washington State Broadband Office’s application for funding through a grant from the National Telecommunications Information Administration (“NTIA”). The NTIA grant provides new federal funding for deployment of broadband infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for grant purposes to adopt rates and charges for retail and

wholesale Internet Services, as well as Telecommunication Customer Service Policies to help guide the PUD when it begins to provide both retail and wholesale Internet Services; and

WHEREAS, Governor Inslee signed two legislative bills that allow the PUD to begin the sale of both retail and wholesale Internet Services after the passage of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Second Substitute Senate Bill 5383; and

WHEREAS, both HB 1336 and SB 5383 require the PUD to report to both the Board of Commissioners and Washington Broadband Office certain information “before providing retail telecommunication services:” and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners requests that staff provide a full report in compliance with both HB 1336 and SB 5383, a new section in RCW 54.16, that provides the following information before retail services are provided: an availability assessment, the location of the retail telecommunication services to be provided, evidence demonstrating that the area offered service is unserved, the expected costs of providing retail services, a plan that shows the new telecommunication services can provide download speeds of at least twenty-five megabits per second and minimum upload speeds of at least three megabits per second, consistent with RCW 43.330.536, and identifying funding sources that are beyond any grants or loans; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, that the rates and charges for retail and wholesale Internet Services, attached as Exhibit 1 to this Resolution are hereby adopted and will be effective on August 19, 2021.

IT IS HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County that the Telecommunications Customer Service Policies, attached as Exhibit 2 to this Resolution are hereby adopted and will be effective on August 19, 2021.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of August 2021.

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