

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-037

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, authorizing the provision of both Retail and Wholesale Telecommunications Service within the PUD's Service Territory Pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383 and Authorizing the PUD to Notify the Washington State Broadband Office.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the PUD has been working on the development of a Broadband fiber optic network to provide Retail Internet Services in addition to the Wholesale Internet Services it currently provides to the residents of Jefferson County, Washington; and

WHEREAS, in December, 2019, the PUD completed the first of a two phase strategic plan for expanding broadband infrastructure in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, in May, 2021, the PUD completed the second and final phase of a strategic plan for expanding broadband infrastructure in Jefferson County, which recommended, among its findings, that the District pursue Retail Telecommunications Service authority in order to meet targeted financial goals and

WHEREAS, at its May 18, 2021 Regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners, approved a motion to support the General Manager in moving forward to seek Internet Service Provider status from both the State of Washington and on a federal level; 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") and that plan demonstrated the unserved and underserved nature of Broadband services in these communities; and

WHEREAS, at the July 6, 2021 Regular meeting the Board of Commissioners 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, at the August 3, 2021 Regular meeting the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2021-024 authorizing rates for the sale of retail Internet Services; approving revised rates for wholesale Internet Services, and approving Telecommunication Customer

Service Policies.; and

WHEREAS, at the September 21, 2021 Regular meeting the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution No. 2021-028 authorizing staff to apply to the Washington State Public Works Board-Broadband Federal funded program for a grant to construct fiber along East Discovery Bay and Anderson Lake Rd; and

WHEREAS, the PUD has been consulting with the Washington State Broadband Office and, pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383 now seeks to provide notice of its intent to provide both Retail and Wholesale Telecommunications Services; and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners authorizes staff to transmit this Resolution to the Washington State Broadband Office and take any other necessary steps to notify it of the PUD's intent to provide both Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services pursuant to state laws.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County as follows:

Section 1. The foregoing Recitals are incorporated into this Resolution.

Section 2. It is the intent of the PUD to provide Retail and Wholesale Telecommunications Services pursuant to Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 2nd day of November, 2021.

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