## PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO.1 OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-007**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington rescinding previous rates and policies and adopting new and revised rates, charges and policies for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, and authorizing a Privacy Policy for customers using certain applications on the PUD's network.

**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 for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, and the Board of Commissioners also reviewed these rates and polices on April 20, 2021, May 4, 2021 and May 25, 2021 and September 6, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, at its June 15, 2021 Regular meeting, the Board of Commissioners, authorized staff to apply for 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, consistent with Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383,

the PUD has been consulting with the Washington State Broadband Office and provided formal notice regarding its intent to provide Broadband Services in Resolution No. 2021-037;

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for grant purposes to adopt current rates, charges and policies for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services; and

**WHEREAS**, attached are proposed retail and open access rates, and open access policies that are consistent with state law and grant requirements and the Board of Commissioners reviewed all such policies at a Special meeting held on January 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, also attached is a revised Master Service Agreement for wholesale customers of the PUD, and a privacy policy to allow the PUD to offer certain services to customers to aid in setting up in-home broadband service.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, that the foregoing recitals are incorporated into this resolution by this reference; and

**BE IT FURTHER** RESOLVED, that the rates, charges, and policies for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, attached as Exhibits 1, 2, 3, and 4 to this Resolution are reasonable and hereby adopted and will be effective as of February 17, 2023; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the privacy policy attached as Exhibit 4 is hereby adopted and will be effective immediately, and the Master Service Agreement attached as Exhibit 5 is hereby approved.

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

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