## PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF JEFFERSON COUNTY

## **RESOLUTION NO. 2023-008**

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington ("the PUD"), amending the Customer Service Policy, section 10.6.2 – Senior Low-Income Rate Reduction Program, to raise the income eligibility limit for senior customer-owners.

**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 Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2017-002 expanding the low-income program and tying the senior low-income program income limit to the income limits prescribed in RCW 84.36.381(5)(b)(ii); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2019-026 establishing section 10.6 of the Customer Service Policy, wherein, section 10.6.2 defines the senior low-income program and sets the income limit to a household adjusted gross income of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) per year; and

**WHEREAS,** the Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive an Eight point seven percent (8.7%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2023, causing some seniors to no longer be eligible and therefore be dropped from the senior low-income rate reduction program; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners desire to increase the income limit for the senior low-income program to match the 8.7% SSI increase, setting the new income limit to a household adjusted gross income of thirty-two thousand, six hundred and ten dollars (\$32,610) per year, which ensures the senior low-income program remain accessible to the PUD's customer-owners;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Jefferson County Public Utility District Board of Commissioners, that the foregoing Recitals are incorporated as if fully set forth herein; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the Customer Service Policies of the PUD are amended as reflected in the attached Exhibit A of this Resolution.

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

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Jeff Randall, Vice President

Dan Toepper, Secretary