

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2023-029

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington rescinding previous rates and adopting new and revised rates and charges for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services.

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, the Board of Commissioners were provided 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 rates, charges and policies at its regular meetings on August 1 and 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners were provided revised retail and open access rates that are consistent with state law and grant requirements, and the Board of Commissioners reviewed all such policies at its regular meeting on November 7, 2023; and

WHEREAS, attached as Exhibit A are revised retail and wholesale open access rates that are consistent with state law and grant requirements; and

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 for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, attached as Exhibits to this Resolution are reasonable and hereby adopted and will be effective as of January 1, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the revised Open Access Provider Agreement attached as an Exhibit is hereby approved.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 21st day of November, 2023.

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