

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2024-006**

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 Board of Commissioners approved Resolution 2023-008 ratifying the Customer Service Policy section 10.6.2 and increasing the income limit for the senior low-income program to a household adjusted gross income of thirty-two thousand, six hundred and ten dollars (\$32,610) per year; and

**WHEREAS**, the United States Federal Poverty Guidelines are updated annually by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the relevant percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U), and are published each year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners to increase the income qualification guidelines for the senior low-income program on an annual basis in accordance with the increase determined for the federal poverty guidelines by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Service and as reported in the Federal Register; and

**WHEREAS**, the percentage change to the federal poverty guidelines based on CPI-U as reported by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services in 2024 is equal to four point one percent (4.1%); and

**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 household income limit for the Senior Low-Income Program be increased to thirty-three thousand, nine hundred forty-seven dollars (\$33,947) per year which reflects a 4.1% increase over 2023 and that 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 20<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

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