

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-005

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington rescinding previous rates and agreements and adopting new and revised rates, charges and policies 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 policies 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, the Board of Commissioners last adopted retail and open access rates, and open access policies that are consistent with state law and grant requirements at its regular meetings on November 21, 2023, as well as a additional BEAD-qualifying low-income rate on January 28th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to update and revise rates and policies on a periodic basis; and

WHEREAS, staff has presented revised rates and policies to the Board of Commissioners at regular and special meetings in November and December of 2024, as well January and February 2025;

WHEREAS, attached is a revised Schedule of Rates and Charges for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, as well as revised and updated Broadband Service Policies;

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 revised Schedule of Rates and Charges for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services, as well as revised and updated Broadband Service Policies, attached as Exhibits to this Resolution, are reasonable and hereby adopted and shall go into effect according to the following schedule:

- March 5th, 2025 for new Network Transport connections.
- March 5th, for Broadband Service Policies.
- June 1st 2025th, for the remainder of rates and charges for all new connections.
- As of January 1st, 2026, all previous Rates and Charges under previously adopted Schedules of Rates and Charges are rescinded and replaced by the Schedule of Rates and Charges for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services adopted by this resolution.

ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 4th day of March 2025.

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