

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-003**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District (PUD) No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington adopting a new Low-Cost rate 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; and

**WHEREAS**, it is a requirement of WSBO's BEAD funding that applicants must offer a qualifying Low-Cost Retail and Wholesale rates for Broadband Services; and

**WHEREAS**, attached is a revised rate sheet for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services adding a qualifying Low-Cost rate.

**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 BEAD qualifying Low-Cost rate added to the approved schedule of rates and charges for Retail and Wholesale Broadband Services attached as an Exhibit to this Resolution is reasonable and hereby adopted and will be effective as of January 1, 2027; and

**ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2025.

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