## JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

## RESOLUTION NO. 2025-023

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, updating the District's opt-out program from standard communicating meters, and establishing updated opt-out rates and procedures.

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County ("the PUD") provides electric service to its customers through the use of standard communicating meters; and

WHEREAS, the PUD recognizes the need to provide a non-communicating alternative to customers who choose to opt out of the standard communicating meters; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 the PUD, with input from the community, passed an opt-out Resolution 2019-034 to address customer concerns regarding communicating meters; and

WHEREAS, the cost of maintaining non-communicating meters is significant and unique to each customer choosing this option; and

**WHEREAS**, customers choosing non-communicating meters were invited to provide feedback and some did so on the cost-of-service recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the PUD values all its customers, including those who elect to participate in the opt-out program, and to support its low income customers who also choose to opt-out;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County costumers will be charged \$12.00 per month for participation and the customers in the low-income program will be charged \$5.00 per month;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, as follows:

- 1. The communicating meter opt-out policy is hereby updated to provide that:
  - I. Estimated readings shall occur in each odd-numbered month (January, March, etc.); and
  - Manual readings shall occur in each even-numbered month (February, April, etc.).
- 2. The option to opt out of communicating meters shall no longer be available for solar net meters.
- 3. The low-income discount shall not apply to non-communicating meters under the opt-out program.
- 4. The monthly fee for participation in the opt-out program shall be set at \$12.00 per month, and for those in the low-income program, a monthly fee of \$5.00 per month effective July, 1 2026.
- 5. This opt-out policy shall be subject to review by the Board of Commissioners from time to time to evaluate its effectiveness, operations, and costs to the PUD.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, at an open public meeting held this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November 2025.

Jeff Gardall

Jeff Randall, President

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Kenneth Collins, Secretary

Dan Toepper, Vice President

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