

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION 2026-010

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington ("JPUD" or "the PUD") defining and describing the infrastructure associated with JPUD's Retail and Wholesale Broadband Infrastructure.

WHEREAS, Since 2000, Public Utility Districts (PUDs) have had the authority to offer wholesale telecommunications services and since then, Washington PUDs have invested over \$509 million in broadband infrastructure, and today of the 27 PUDs in Washington State, 15 PUDs currently provide wholesale telecommunications services; and

WHEREAS, in 2010 the PUD partnered with the Northwest Open Access Network (NOANET) to obtain a \$3.2 million National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) grant to build a PUD-owned, wholesale, 20-mile open access fiber network, to connect public anchor institutions in Jefferson County with high speed internet access; and

WHEREAS, between 2018-2021, the PUD with funding from the Washington State Department of Commerce and Washington State Public Works Board developed a strategic plan and a detailed business plan to further expand broadband infrastructure in Jefferson County and to extend this infrastructure to homes and businesses in Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 with the adoption of Engrossed Substitute House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 5383 the Washington State legislature enabled public entities, including PUDs to provide retail broadband services to end-users, creating another pathway to connect Washington citizens and communities to essential broadband service (codified in RCW 54.16.330); 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 PUD operates an "open access network," defined as "a network that, during the useful life of the infrastructure, ensures service providers may use network services and facilities at rates, terms, and conditions that are not discriminatory or preferential between providers, and employs accountable interconnection arrangements published and available publicly" per RCW 54.16.330. This shared open access network is available to any qualified internet service provider in Jefferson County, is the PUD's "wholesale broadband network" and the infrastructure associated with this network is used for the provision of wholesale broadband or telecommunication services; and

WHEREAS, between June of 2021 and the present day the PUD has obtained grants and loans totaling nearly \$56 million dollars allowing the PUD to extend its broadband fiber network to pass nearly 5,700 homes and businesses;

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.425 states that that “Property owned by a public utility district that is exempt from property tax under RCW 84.36.010 is subject to an annual payment in lieu of property taxes if the property consists of a broadband infrastructure used in providing retail telecommunications services”;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the prior recitals are incorporated herein and that for purposes of complying with RCW 54.16.425, the Board of Commissioners adopts this resolution and the attached diagram (Exhibit 1). Exhibit 1 provides a visual representation of the PUD’s retail broadband infrastructure used for providing retail telecommunications services in Jefferson County and distinguishes such infrastructure from the PUD’s open-access, wholesale broadband network over which the PUD provides wholesale telecommunications services.

AND, IT SHALL BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that JPUD formally declares the broadband infrastructure within the orange box of the attached figure in Exhibit 1 constitutes its wholesale broadband infrastructure network. This currently includes Optical Line Terminals, Passive Optical Splitters, Optical Network Terminations (ONT), Optical Network Units (ONU), all connecting fiber interfaces, splices, cabinets, and active network components.

AND, IT SHALL BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that for purposes of determining the equipment and services dedicated to providing the PUD’s retail broadband infrastructure network, JPUD has determined that any infrastructure and services connected and provisioned beyond the ONT/ONU and that are at the customer's premise shall constitute the PUD’s retail broadband infrastructure network. Any retail service provider using this portion of the broadband network will be considered a retail service provider for purposes of RCW 54.16.300 and RCW 53.16.425.

AND, IT SHALL BE FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become part of JPUD’s Broadband Service Policies.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, at a regular open meeting held this 7th day of April 2026.

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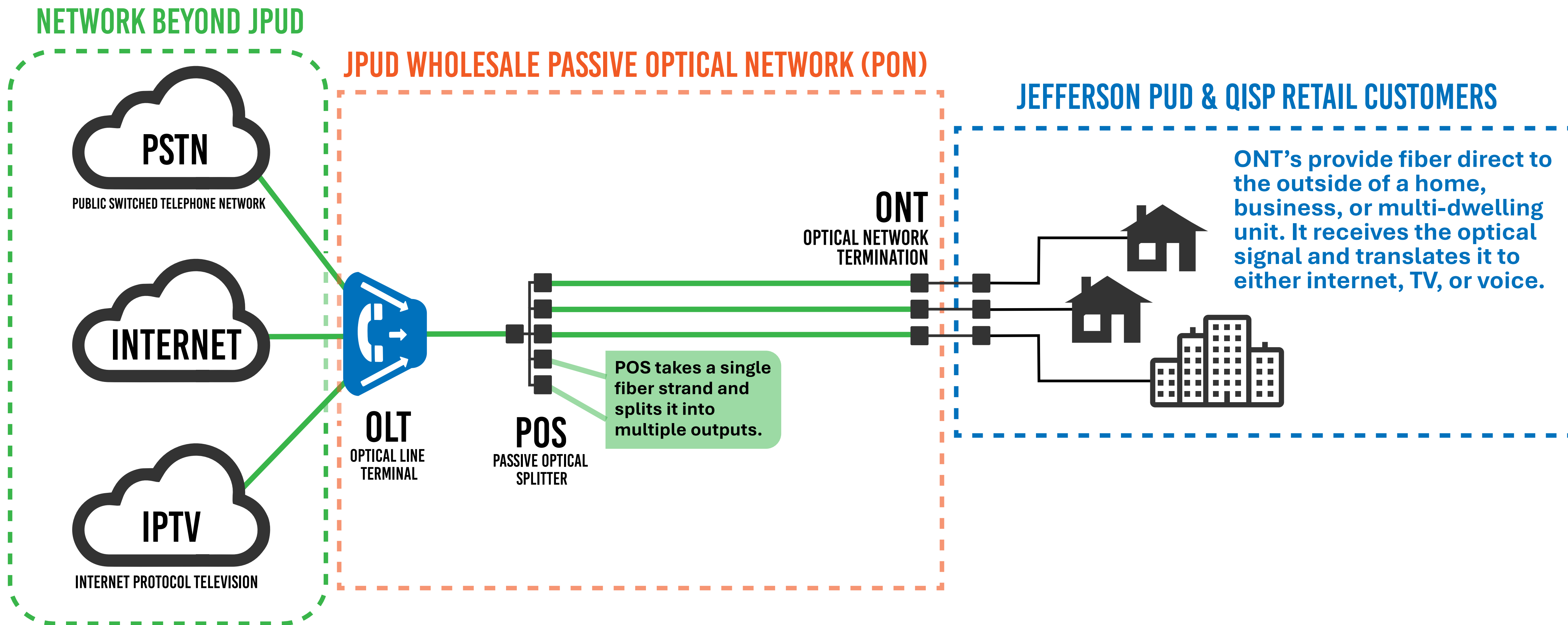
Kenneth Collins, Vice President

Jeff Randall

Jeff Randall, Secretary

Jefferson PUD Open-Access Broadband Infrastructure

JPUD's network provides wholesale broadband services to PUD retail and Qualified Internet Service Provider (QISP)













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