

JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-018

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington (“the PUD”) amending Customer Service Policies, establishing revised income qualified rate reduction program tiers; amending the Electric Rate Schedule to implement income qualified rate reduction discounts, establishing the rate reduction funding charge, rescinding planned rate increases for the 2027 and 2028 rate periods, and providing for the transition of existing program participants.

WHEREAS, Jefferson County Public Utility District No. 1 (“PUD”) is committed to providing affordable utility services and reducing utility burden for income-qualified households; and

WHEREAS, the PUD currently operates an Income-Qualified Rate Reduction Program that provides utility bill assistance to qualifying customers; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners find that revising the program structure will improve equity, transparency, and alignment between the assistance provided and the customer need; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desire to establish tiered income-qualified discounts based upon household income and energy burden as set forth in Customer Service Policy Section 10.6; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners further finds that a dedicated Income Qualified Rate Reduction Funding Charge provides transparency regarding the cost of funding the program while ensuring long-term program sustainability; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners recognize that customer-owners currently enrolled in the PUD's Low-Income Rate Reduction Program qualified under previously adopted requirements and finds that a transition period is appropriate to avoid disruption of benefits while the revised program structure is implemented; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners have reviewed the proposed amendments to the Customer Service Policy and the Electric Rate Schedule and find such amendments to be fair, reasonable and in the best interests of the PUD and its customer-owners;

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

SECTION 1. Exhibit A – Amendment of the Customer Service Policy

Customer Service Policy Section 1- Definitions, is hereby amended to include clarifying definitions related to the amendments made in Section 10.6 of the policy.

Customer Service Policy Section 10.6- Income Qualified Rate Reduction Program, is hereby amended to establish the following eligibility tiers:

- **TIER 1** – Residential customers with a gross household income at or below one hundred fifty percent (150%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).
- **TIER 2** – Residential customers with a gross household income at or below eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income (AMI) or two hundred percent (200%) of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), whichever is greater, and whose energy burden exceeds six percent (6%).
- **TIER 3** – Residential customers who meet the income requirements of Tier 2, but whose energy burden is less than six percent (6%).

Eligibility requirements, certification periods, documentation standards, and program administration shall be governed by Section 10.6 of the Customer Service Policy.

SECTION 2. Exhibit B – Amendment of the Electric Rate Schedule

Effective July 5, 2026, eligible participants shall receive the following benefits:

Income Qualified Rate Reduction Discounts

- **TIER 1** – Exemption from the Rate Reduction Funding Charge, and a discount equal to thirty percent (30%) of applicable electric base charges and consumption charges.
- **TIER 2** – Exemption from the Rate Reduction Funding Charge, and a discount equal to ten percent (10%) of applicable electric base charges and consumption charges.
- **TIER 3** – Exemption from the Rate Reduction Funding Charge established but the PUD's rate schedules but no utility bill discount.

Effective July 5, 2026, the Electric Rate Schedule is amended as follows:

- Monthly electric base charges shall be set per Exhibit B.
- A separately identified Rate Reduction Funding Charge of Four Dollars (\$4.00) per meter per month shall be assessed on all metered electric service accounts. (Funding in 2027 and 2028 increase with the previously approved commission rate percentage by schedule, as noted in each schedule.)
- Customer-owners enrolled in the Income Qualified Rate Reduction shall be exempt from the Rate Reduction Funding Charge.

- Revenue collected through the Rate Reduction Funding Charge shall be used solely for the administration and funding of the PUD's Income Qualified Rate Reduction Program and related income-qualified customer assistance efforts.

The General Manager is authorized to revise the Electric Rate Schedule as necessary to reflect the rates approved under this Resolution.

SECTION 3 – Transition of Existing Participants

All customers actively enrolled in the PUD's Low-Income Rate Reduction Program on the effective date of this Resolution shall automatically be transitioned into Tier 1 of the Income Qualified Rate Reduction Program.

Such customers shall continue to receive Tier 1 benefits through the expiration date of their current certification period without the requirement to submit a new application.

Upon expiration of the customer's existing certification period, continued participation shall require submission of a renewal application and qualification under the eligibility requirements established in Section 10.6 of the Customer Service Policy.

Customers renewing participation shall be assigned to the appropriate tier based upon household income, energy burden, and other eligibility criteria then in effect.

SECTION 4- Administration

The General Manager is authorized to implement administrative procedures necessary to carry out this Resolution, revise applicable forms and program materials, update rate schedules, and provide notice to affected customers.

SECTION 5 – Effective Date

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption. The revised program structure, discounts, and rate schedule amendments shall become effective with bills rendered on or after July 5, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, at a regular open meeting held this 16th day of June 2026.

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