

RESOLUTION NO. 2549

August 11, 2020

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON,
ADOPTING THE 2020 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN**

WHEREAS, RCW 19.280.30, requires that utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not full requirements customers shall develop or update an Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) defined as an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address over-generation events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers by September 1, 2008 and update the plan every two years thereafter; AND

WHEREAS, in 2019, RCW 19.280.30 was amended with the passage of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) to include additional IRP requirements; AND

WHEREAS, RCW 80.80 was passed in 2007 to reduce the State's greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in order to mitigate the impact of climate change. The goal of the law was to lower GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, 25% of 1990 levels by 2035 and 50% of 1990 levels by 2050; AND

WHEREAS, The Energy Independence Act (EIA) approved in 2006 requires all utilities with customers exceeding 25,000 to meet 3% of their load by 2012, 9% of their load by 2016, and 15% of their load by 2020 with qualifying renewable resources; AND

WHEREAS, The Public Utilities Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) of 1978, Section 111(d) was amended on August 8, 2005 by the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct) to require each utility to consider "Fuel Sources," and further require each electric utility to develop a plan to minimize dependence on a single fuel source and to ensure that the electric energy it sells to consumers is generated using a diverse range of fuels and technologies including renewable technologies; AND

WHEREAS, The District has developed a 2020 IRP in order to evaluate a long-range resource strategy for the period 2021-2030 in fulfillment of the requirements of RCW 19.280; AND

WHEREAS, RCW 19.280.050 requires the governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops an IRP to encourage participation of its consumers in development and approval of the plans and progress reports after it has provided public notice and hearing; AND

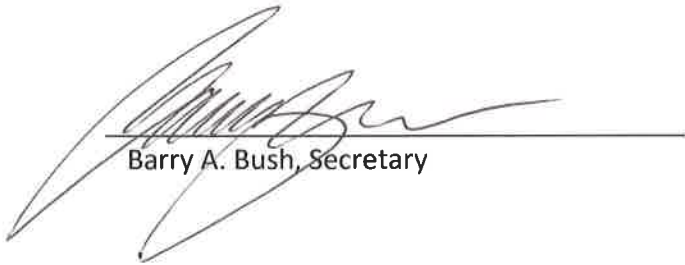
WHEREAS, A notice of the July 28, 2020 Commission review of the draft IRP was published on July 24, 2020, and on July 28, 2020 the Commission approved a motion setting a Public Hearing on the District's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan final draft for August 11, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., to be held via conference call at 1 469-998-5874, conference ID 433 134 92; AND

WHEREAS, A notice of the August 11, 2020 Public Hearing was published on August 7, 2020;
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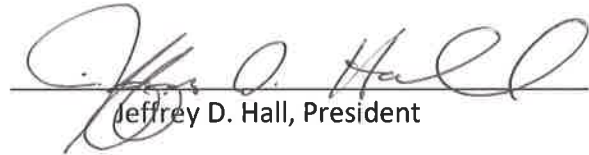
WHEREAS, On August 11, 2020 the Commission closed the public comment period regarding the District's 2020 Integrated Resource Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County approves and adopts the attached 2020 Integrated Resource Plan reflecting Benton PUD's long-range resource strategy for the period 2021-2030.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County at an open meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this 11th day of August, 2020.



Barry A. Bush, Secretary



Jeffrey D. Hall, President