

RESOLUTION NO. 2670

April 23, 2024

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON
ESTABLISHING THE DISTRICT'S EIA AMENDED 2024–2033 TEN-YEAR COST-EFFECTIVE
RESOURCE CONSERVATION POTENTIAL AND 2024–2025 BIENNIAL TARGET**

WHEREAS, Washington State Energy Independence Act, RCW 19.285, (Initiative 937) mandates that each qualifying utility pursue all available conservation that is cost-effective, reliable, and feasible; AND

WHEREAS, The District is a qualifying utility under the Act; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission wishes to assert its authority under Title 54 of the Revised Code of Washington in its implementation of the Washington State Energy Independence Act; AND

WHEREAS, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) provisions, adopted by the Department of Commerce, recognize that the individual public utility has the authority to establish the conservation targets that meet the requirements of the State's statute. WAC 194-37-070 (1) states, "Ten-year potential. By January 1st of each even-numbered year, each utility shall identify its achievable cost-effective conservation potential for the upcoming ten years"; AND

WHEREAS, WAC 194-37-070 (2) states, "Biennial target. By January 1st of each even-numbered year, each utility shall establish and make public a biennial conservation target. The utility's biennial target shall be no less than its pro rata share of the ten-year potential identified pursuant to subsection (1) of this section"; AND

WHEREAS, The District completed a Conservation Potential Assessment in October 2023 that identifies the District's achievable cost-effective conservation potential and complies with provisions of WAC 194-37-070; AND

WHEREAS, Due notice was given of a public meeting held on November 14, 2023 to make public the District's conservation resource potential and biennial conservation target; AND

WHEREAS, Said public meeting was held to gain public comment concerning the conservation potential and targets which were adopted by commission on November 14, 2023; AND

WHEREAS, The District was notified by EES in March 2024 of a modeling error and completion of an amended Conservation Potential Assessment that identifies the District's

achievable cost-effective conservation potential and complies with provisions of WAC 194-37-070; AND

WHEREAS, Due notice was given of a public meeting held on April 23, 2024 to make public the District's amended conservation resource potential and biennial conservation target; AND

WHEREAS, Said public meeting was held to gain public comment concerning the amended conservation potential and targets; AND


NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, that the District's 2024-2033 amended ten-year cost-effective conservation resource potential be established at 8.36 aMW and the District's 2024-2025 biennial target be established at 1.11 aMW based upon the District's March 26, 2024 Amended Conservation Potential Assessment and in compliance with requirements of the Energy Independence Act.

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 23rd day of April 2024.

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Jeff Hall, Vice-President

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Lori Kays Sanders, Secretary