AGENDA
BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026, 9:00 AM
2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, WA

The meeting is also available via MS Teams
The conference call line (audio only) is:
1-323-553-2644; Conference ID: 359 861 969#

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
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8. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
   (All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Commission for reading and study, are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Commission with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by any member of the Commission, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.)

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15. Adjournment

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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	2026 Resource Plan – Final Review	
Authored by:	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:

☐ Consent Agenda
☐ Business Agenda
☒ Public Hearing
☐ Other Business

Type of Action Needed: *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*

☐ Pass Motion
☐ Pass Resolution
☐ Approve Contract
☐ Sign Letter / Document
☐ Decision / Direction
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☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☒ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None

Background/Summary

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District's Resource Plan development webpage for the latest information and to provide input.[1]

For Public Hearing #3, Staff will provide a short presentation and review the Final document, including, but not limited to, the following topics:

1. Review of the public input process
2. Review of public input received through 6/26/2026
3. Review of red-line changes compared to the Draft reviewed 6/9/2026

Recommendation

Recommend the District approve the final 2026 Resource Plan to be compliant with RCW 19.280.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

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[1] Benton PUD's Resource Plan development webpage: https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan

2026 Resource Plan

for 2027-2036

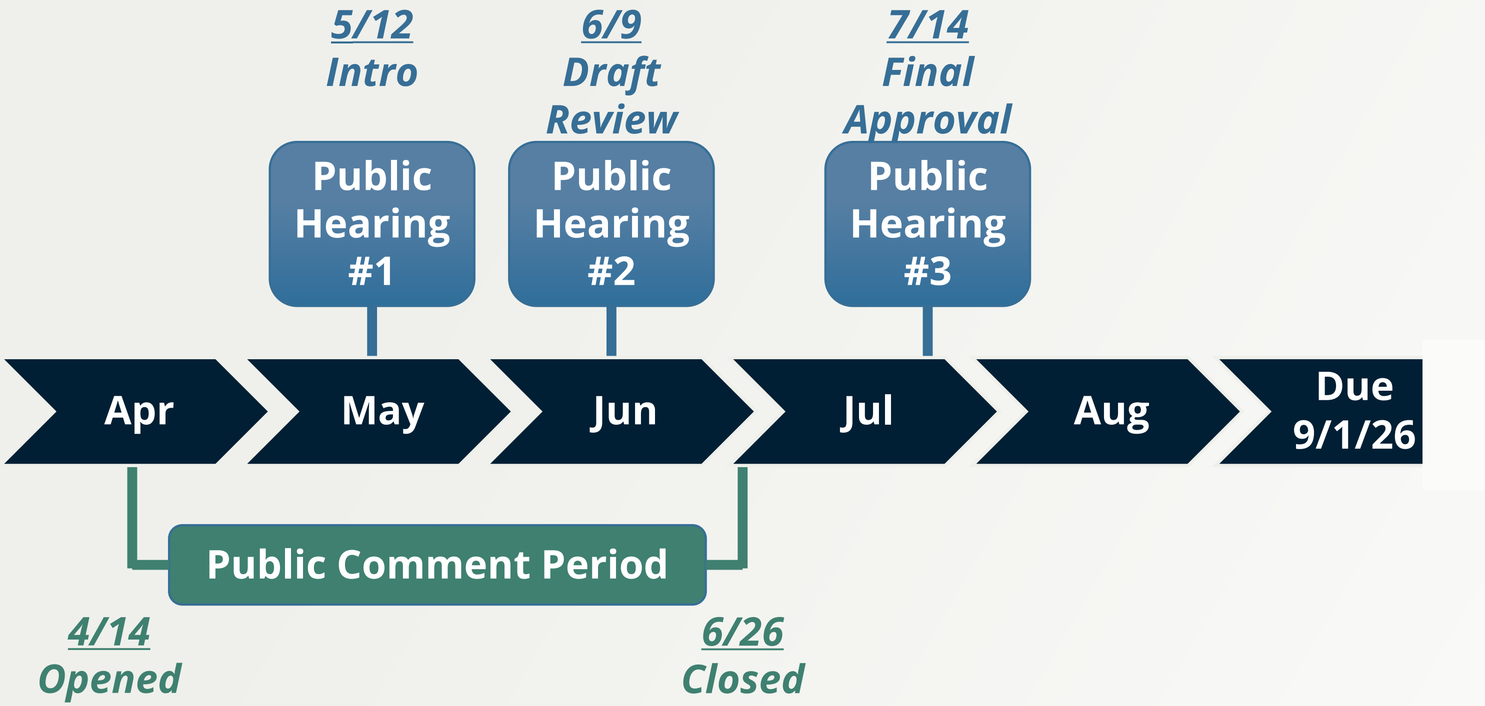
Final Review – July 14, 2026

Your Trusted Energy Partner

What was the public input process?

RCW 19.280.050

*"The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter **shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans** and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports **after it has provided public notice and hearing**."*

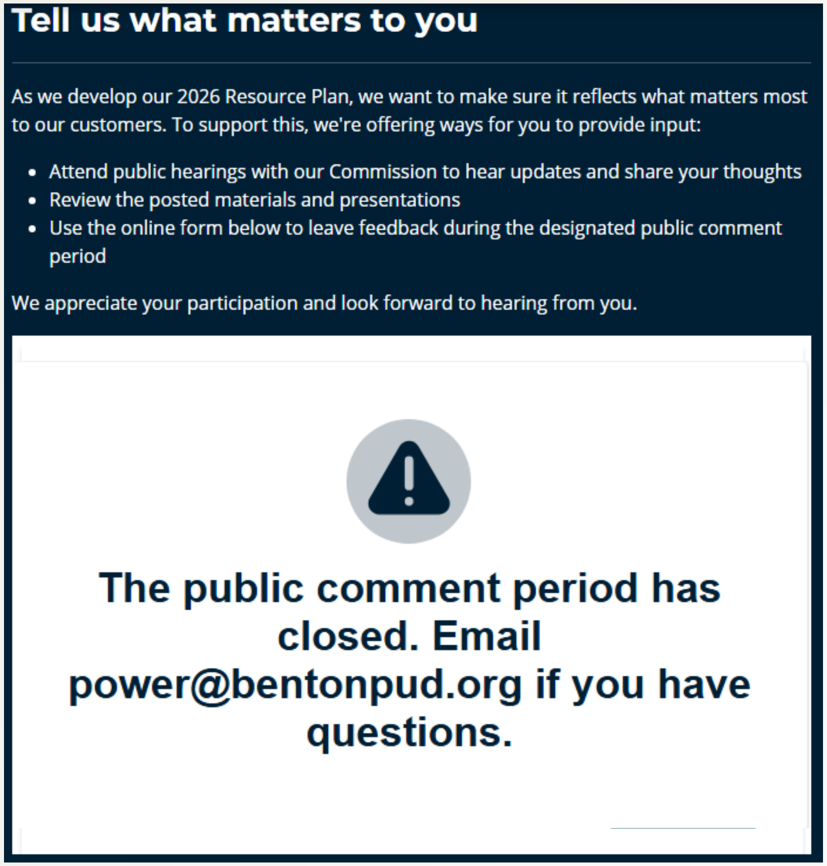


What were the public input options?

- **Online submittal:**
  - **Development webpage**
  - https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan
- **In-person or virtual attendance:**
  - **Scheduled public hearings**
  - **Regular Commission meetings**

*Note: All public hearings will be held in-person at 9 AM during regularly scheduled Commission meetings at our Kennewick office. Meetings include a virtual and telephone option. See Commission meeting and attendance details on our **Commission page**.*

- **For additional questions** or to request assistance with participating in the public process:
  - **Email power@bentonpud.org**
  - or **call Blake Scherer at (509) 585-5361**



Tell us what matters to you

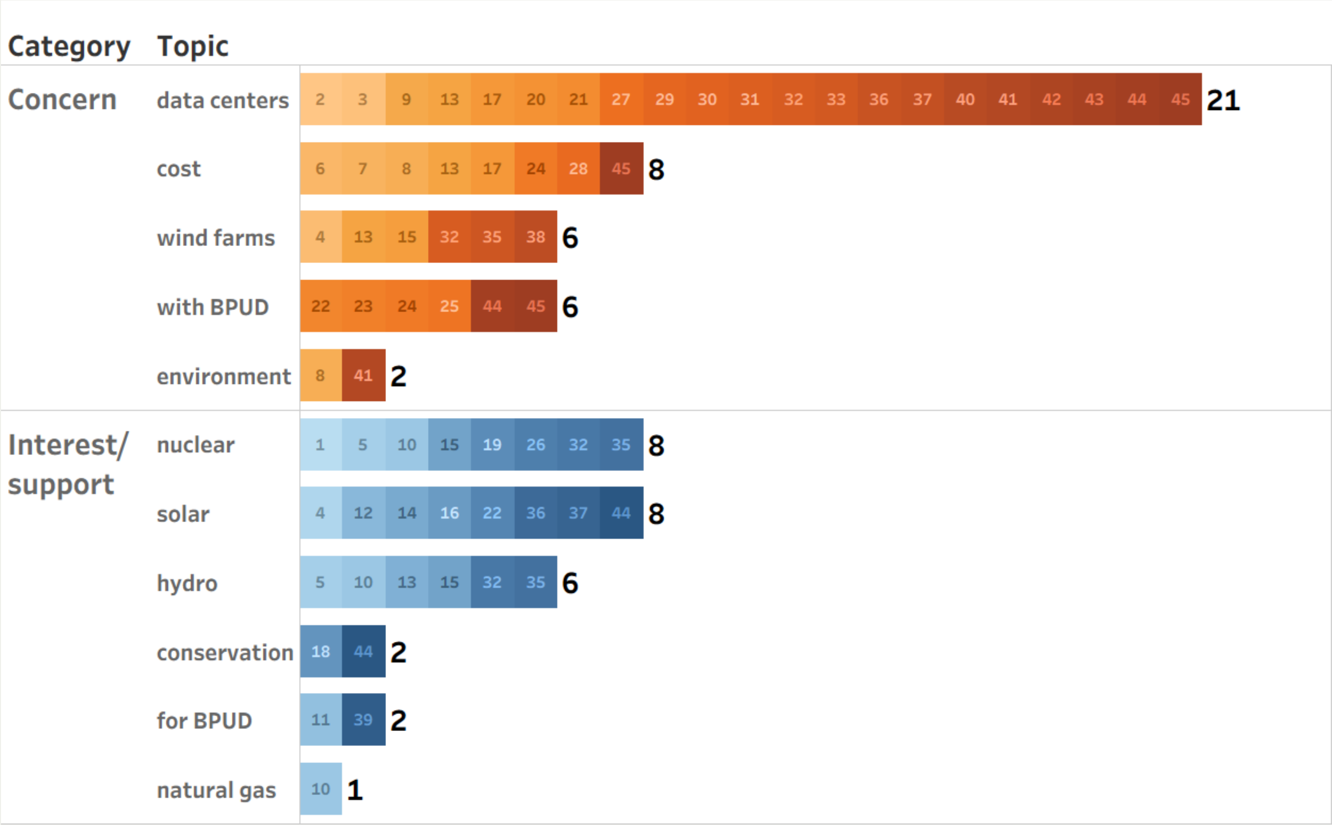
As we develop our 2026 Resource Plan, we want to make sure it reflects what matters most to our customers. To support this, we're offering ways for you to provide input:

- Attend public hearings with our Commission to hear updates and share your thoughts
- Review the posted materials and presentations
- Use the online form below to leave feedback during the designated public comment period

We appreciate your participation and look forward to hearing from you.

The public comment period has closed. Email power@bentonpud.org if you have questions.

Public Comments by Topic



Count derived from

45 unique comments (by ID#) **<u>through 6/26/2026</u>**, some addressing multiple topics.

See Appendix C – Public Comment Log

2026 Resource Plan

for 2027-2036

Final Review

Review of ***red-line changes***

compared to the June 9, 2026, Draft

2026 Final Review materials available here:
https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion adopting Resolution No. 2729 approving the 2026 Resource Plan.

Background/Summary

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District's Resource Plan development webpage for the latest information.[1]

The District held a total of three public hearings to allow for customers and interested stakeholders to provide input. All meetings included a virtual and phone option in addition to in-person attendance. The public hearing schedule was as shown below:

1. 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026: Public Hearing #1 – Introduction
2. 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026: Public Hearing #2 – Draft review
3. 9 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026: Public Hearing #3 – Final review

Recommendation

Recommend approval of the 2026 Resource Plan to be compliant with RCW 19.280 and to facilitate submittal to Washington Department of Commerce by the September 3, 2026, deadline.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

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[1] Benton PUD's Resource Plan development webpage: https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan

RESOLUTION NO. 2729

July 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY REGARDING APPROVING THE 2026 RESOURCE PLAN

WHEREAS, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280 requires utilities to prepare resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers' electricity needs in both the short term and the long term; AND

WHEREAS, the requirements of RCW 19.280.030 are dependent on which resource plan type is applicable to the utility:

1) *Integrated Resource Plan* – Required by utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not Full Requirements Customers.
2) *Resource Plan* – Required by all other utilities, unless voluntarily electing to develop a full Integrated Resource Plan; AND

WHEREAS, effective October 1, 2023, the District became a Full Requirements Customer, as defined by RCW 19.280.020; AND

WHEREAS, the District elects to develop a Resource Plan, which must be produced, at a minimum, every two years; AND

WHEREAS, the District has developed a Resource Plan that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5); AND

WHEREAS, RCW 19.280.050 requires the governing body of a consumer-owned utility to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the Resource Plan and to approve the Resource Plan after it has provided public notice and hearing; AND

WHEREAS, at May 12, 2026, public hearing, the District provided an introductory presentation of the 2026 Resource Plan; AND

WHEREAS, at June 9, 2026, public hearing, the District reviewed a draft of the 2026 Resource Plan and public comments; AND

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on July 14, 2026, to review the final draft and to allow additional public comment prior to the commission considering final approval and adoption; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, that the 2026 Resource Plan be approved, effective July 14, 2026; AND

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County at an open meeting, with notice of such meeting given as required by law, this 14th day of July, 2026.

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Jeffery D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Michael D. Massey, Secretary

Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County

2026 Resource Plan

for 2027-2036

Contents

1. Executive Summary

The District prepares a Resource Plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 19.280, as discussed within **Section 2 – Resource Plan Overview**. This Resource Plan incorporates the District's most recent load forecast and Conservation Potential Assessment, as discussed within **Section 3 - Load**. The Resource Plan considers the District's existing resources, listed within **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and then describes, within **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**, the District's 10-year strategy for meeting its future power supply needs.

The District's 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 1-1**.

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District's BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA's load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA's Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA's 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District's strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA's load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power.

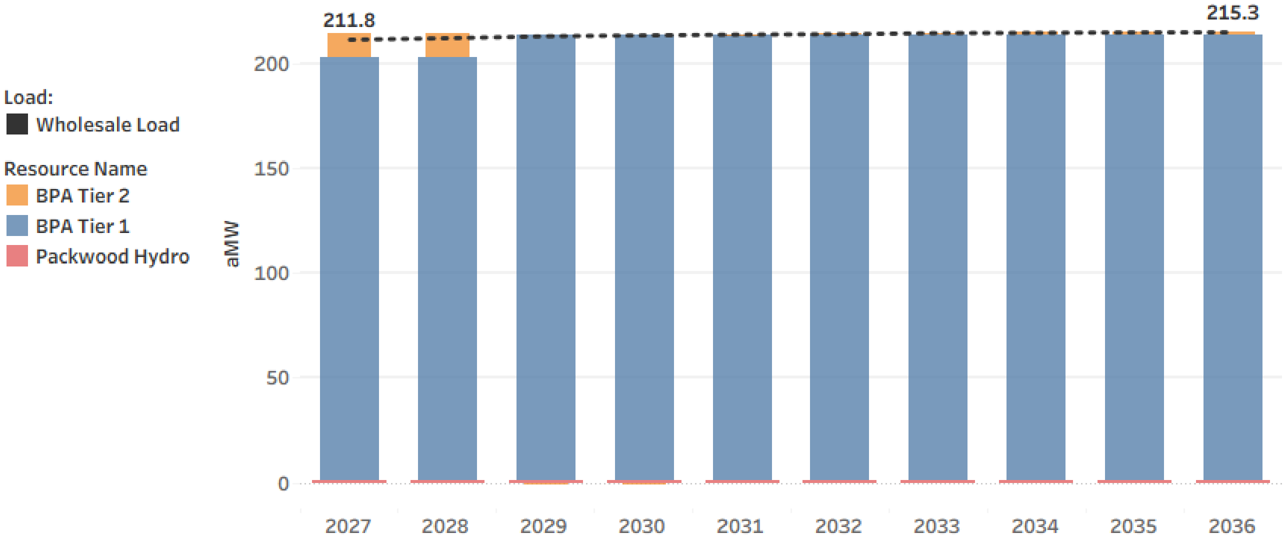

Figure 1-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Fiscal Year

This Resource Plan also describes the District's strategy for complying with Washington State energy policies, as discussed in the following sections:

- **Section 6 –Energy Independence Act** describes District's commitment to energy conservation as a resource and the District's strategy to purchase unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to comply with the 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) through calendar year 2029.
- **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act** describes the District's current ~95% clean energy position and the plan to meet the 2030 greenhouse gas neutral standard by using unbundled RECs to cover its 5% need, while also satisfying its RPS requirement.

2. Resource Plan Overview

Washington State Law

The District prepares a resource plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280. As described within RCW 19.280.010, *"It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity. To achieve this end, the legislature finds it essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers' electricity needs in both the short term and the long term."*

Resource Plan Types

There are two types of resource plans defined by RCW 19.280.020, as described below:

1. **Integrated Resource Plan** *means an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1).*
   - Required by utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not Full Requirements Customers.
   - An updated Integrated Resource Plan must be developed at least every four years and progress reports reflecting changing conditions and the progress of the Integrated Resource Plan must be produced, at a minimum, every two years.
2. **Resource Plan** *means an assessment that estimates electricity loads and resources over a defined period of time and complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5).*
   - Required by all other utilities, unless voluntarily electing to develop a full Integrated Resource Plan.
   - Resource Plans must be updated, at a minimum, on intervals of two years.

Effective October 1, 2023, the District became a Full Requirements Customer, as defined by RCW 19.280.020—*meaning an electric utility that relies on BPA for all power needed to supply its total load requirement other than that served by non-dispatchable generating resources totaling no more than six megawatts or renewable resources*. As a Full Requirements Customer, the District has elected to prepare a Resource Plan. Copies of previous resource plans and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Resource Plan" webpage.[1]

Requirements

Resource Plans must comply with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5)—per the Resource Plan definition. Refer to **Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements** for the list of applicable requirements and the sections of this Resource Plan that address each requirement. The Department of Commerce[2] requires utilities to submit a common resource plan cover sheet by September 1, as attached in **Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet**.

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[1] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Resource_Plan

[2] Commerce resource plans - https://www.commerce.wa.gov/energy-policy/electricity-policy/utility-resource-plans/

3. Load

Load Forecast

The District's wholesale load forecast,[3] reported as annual average demand (aMW) and annual peak demand (MW), is shown below in **Figure 3-1**. The load forecast's 10-year annual average demand growth from 2026 to 2036 is only 0.21%. This is the same forecast as described by the 2026 Load Forecast approved in May 2026.[4]

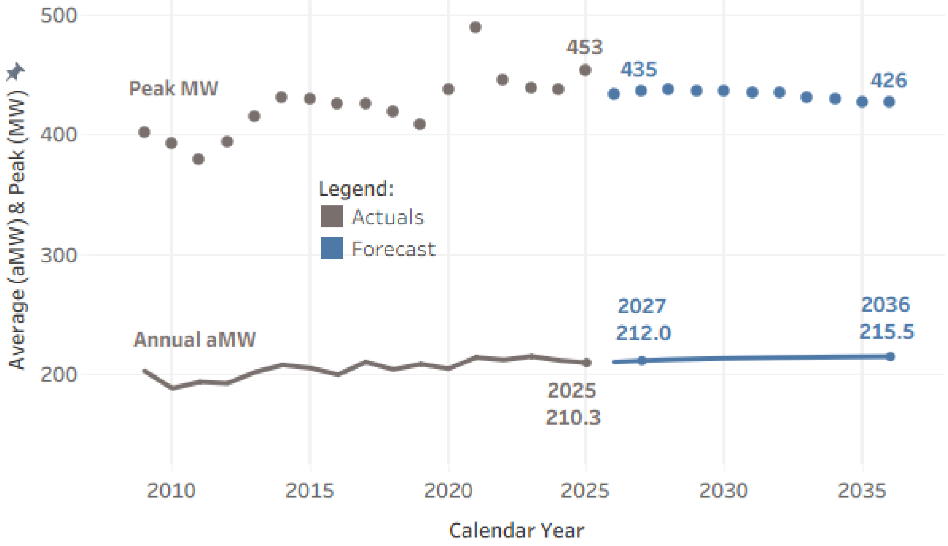

Figure 3-1 – Forecast of annual wholesale load

Conservation

The load forecast includes 11.0 aMW of cumulative conservation over the forecast period, as shown below in **Figure 3-2**, in context of retail load.[2] The conservation is comprised of 5.8 aMW of residential and 5.2 aMW of non-residential conservation, consistent with the District's most recent Conservation Potential Assessment, as referenced within the **Energy Conservation** subsection of **Section 6 -Energy Independence Act**.

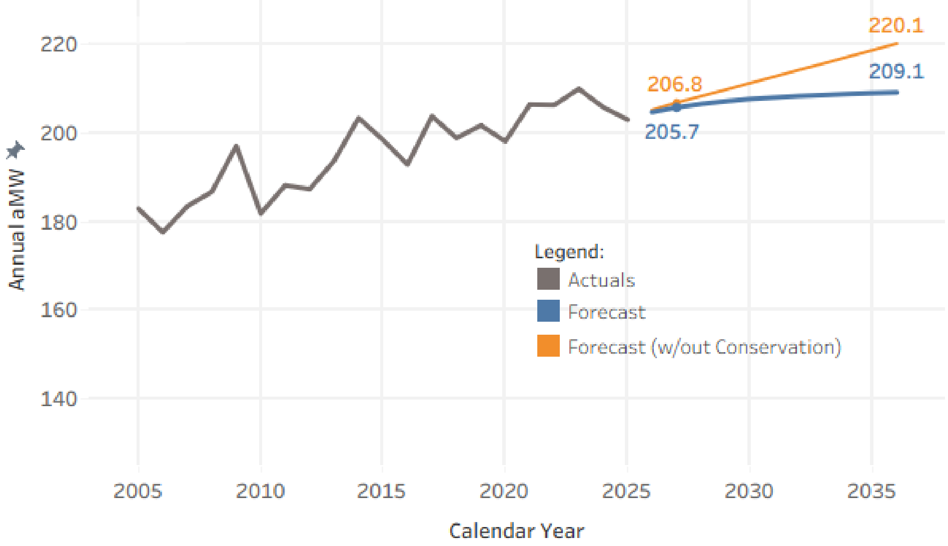

Figure 3-2 – Forecast of annual retail load

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[3] "Wholesale" load refers to the total power supply need, including District system losses. "Retail" load excludes losses.

[4] 2026 Load Forecast – Resolution No. 2726, 5/26/2026

Demand Response

The District prepares a Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) every two years to support the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requirement to assess the amount of demand response resources that are cost-effective, reliable, and feasible for meeting the CETA standards. Copies of previous DRPA's and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Demand Response" webpage.[5] Currently, Benton PUD has not found demand response to be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. The District's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) for 2026-2029[6] specified a target of 0 MW, same as the 2022-2025 CEIP, which remains sufficient for the District's obligation in meeting the CETA standards.

On October 11, 2022, at a Commission strategic planning session, District staff presented the status of demand response program development and recommended that the District evaluate new drivers of demand response after its conversion to BPA's load following contract and to wait for BPA's Post-2028 rate design before developing its demand response strategy.[7] As also recommended, the District has implemented rate-based demand charges, including time-of-day demand for residential customers, and voltage optimization for energy efficiency.

In 2026, the District added a Strategic Plan action item to develop a demand response program pilot to further explore if demand response may be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. Developing a pilot is in response to concerns about regional resource adequacy and the increasing risk of an energy or transmission emergency as well as the expectation of increasing BPA demand and capacity charges that will go into effect on October 1, 2028, for the Provider of Choice contract, per BPA's published Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM).[8]

Electrification

Per RCW 19.280.030(5)(e), Resource Plans need to account for:

i) modeled load forecast scenarios of zero emissions vehicles,
ii) relevant information in electrification of transportation plans, and
iii) assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts.

The RCW allows, but does require, utilities to use the forecasts generated by the Department of Transportation's mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. The District is not currently utilizing the tool.

Load forecast scenarios and use cases related to electric vehicle growth and natural gas to electric conversions were analyzed in the 2022 Load Forecast[9] and remain representative for consideration by this Resource Plan. The 2022 analysis included low/high growth scenarios for both electric vehicles and natural gas to electric conversions. The resulting cumulative load addition by calendar year 2036 is summarized below in **Table 3-1**.

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[5] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Demand_Response
[6] 2026-2029 CEIP – Resolution No. 2710, 10/28/2025 (PDF Page 7, Demand Response)
[7] 2022 Commission Strategic Session - Demand Response Presentation, 10/11/2022
[8] https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/rate-and-tariff-proceedings/public-rate-design-methodology-2029
[9] 2022 Load Forecast - Resolution No. 2600, 4/26/2022

Table 3-1 – 2022 Load Forecast electrification scenarios

	Added by Calendar Year 2036	
Load Growth Type	**Lower Scenario**	**Higher Scenario**
Benton County electric vehicle count	6,866	22,031
Electric vehicle load (aMW)	2.4	8.1
Natural gas to electric load (aMW)	5.6	9.9
Total (aMW)	**8.0**	**18.0**

The 2026 Load Forecast considered the District's adopted Electrification of Transportation Plan.[10] The adopted plan allows the District to offer incentives/rebates, advertise, and promote the adoption of electric vehicles. After adoption, the District began offering a $250 rebate to customers who purchase or lease a new electric vehicle. Since adoption, the District has provided a total of 102 rebates through 2025.

This Resource Plan accounts for electrification by acknowledging that under all load growth scenarios, the District's resource strategy remains the same—to serve the incremental load growth using BPA's load following contract combined with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power, as described in **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

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[10] Electrification of Transportation Plan – Resolution No. 2521, 11/12/2019 (pdf pages 165-184)

4. Existing Resources

Non-BPA Resources

The District has long term power contracts with three non-BPA generating resources as listed below in **Table 4-1**. Effective October 1, 2023, only Packwood is dedicated to serving load and the wind power is being re-sold, however, the wind Renewable Energy Credits are being retained by the District to meet its Washington renewable target.

Table 4-1 – Existing non-BPA Resource Contracts

Resource	Contract #	Capacity (MW)	Annual Energy (aMW)	Contract End Date
Packwood Hydroelectric	11-51-14	3.7	0.919[11]	Ongoing
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase I	01-51-13	3	1	7/1/2030
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase III	01-51-13	6	2	7/1/2030
White Creek Wind - LL&P	07-45-04	3	1	11/21/2027
White Creek Wind - WCWI	08-51-19	6	2	11/21/2027

BPA Power Sales Agreement

Most of the District's power supply continues to be supplied through a long-term Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreement with BPA (Contract #11-51-01). Effective October 1, 2023, with BPA's consent, the District switched its block/slice agreement to a load following product for the remainder of its contract term (through September 30, 2028). Additional details regarding the switch to load following are discussed below in the **Resource Adequacy** subsection of **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

Under all BPA contract types, the amount of power that BPA's preference customers may purchase under BPA's lowest cost rate is limited to an amount equal to the generating output of the current Federal System, with some limited amounts of augmentation ("Tier 1" power). Any incremental purchases by preference customers from BPA above this base amount of power are sold at a higher rate reflecting the incremental cost to BPA of obtaining additional power ("Tier 2" power). BPA has established for each preference customer a contractually defined level of access to power available at BPA's lowest cost preference rate ("Tier 1" rates). BPA refers to a customer's Tier 1 amount as their Contract High-Water Mark (CHWM) or Rate Period High-Water Mark (RHWM). This Tier 1 amount is based on the customer's net requirement load for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2010, with adjustments possible each rate period, typically due to Federal System changes or from utility annexation (e.g. City of Richland annexation of District load).

Beginning October 1, 2023, the District has elected to serve its net requirement above its Tier 1 allocation (a.k.a. Above-CHWM load) with Tier 2 through the remainder of the contract. The District's Tier 1 RHWM is currently set at 202.081 aMW for fiscal years 2026-2028.

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[11] Packwood is 0.919 aMW under critical water (per Exhibit A of BPA contract). Assume 1.26 aMW under median water.

BPA Transmission

BPA requires that transmission services be purchased separately. BPA’s Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) delineates the terms and conditions of providing and taking transmission service. The District has executed BPA’s Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Agreement (Contract #22-51-02) for long-term firm transmission service from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2031. The District previously had a Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Agreement that began in May 1997, but it was converted to NITS service effective October 1, 2023, in conjunction with the switch to load following.[12]

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[12] The District retains a 1 MW PTP contract (#02-51-22) for transmission service that was not eligible for conversion to NT.

5. Resource Strategy

Resource Adequacy

Resource adequacy is the term used to describe an electricity system's ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year. The District remains concerned about deteriorating regional resource adequacy, resulting in part from Washington and other western state energy policies. This concern was well described in **Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523**, "*In Support of Actions to Ensure Electric Sector Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest",* passed in November 2019. Similar concerns were emphasized in the District's November 2021 letter to BPA, **Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter**, requesting the option to convert from slice/block to load following. As the District considers its future resource choices, resource adequacy will continue to be a key driver of the District's strategy.

The District's October 1, 2023, conversion from slice/block to load following has been successful at cost-effectively ensuring the District has access to dispatchable energy and capacity to responsibly cover its seasonal energy and capacity deficits. Under the load following contract, BPA is obligated to meet the District's net requirement load. The change has eliminated the District's direct participation in power markets as a buyer and seller and is expected to reduce power supply price risk and the risk of not having adequate physical generation to meet demand.

The conversion to load following has mitigated the District's near-term resource adequacy risk, however, it has also transferred additional risk to BPA, which means the District must remain committed to tracking BPA's resource adequacy and regional issues that may impact BPA. The District's resource adequacy monitoring includes, but is not limited to, tracking the studies listed below in **Table 5-1**.

Table 5-1 – Regional resource adequacy studies

#	Entity	Study Name / Website Link	Frequency	Study Vintage
1	Bonneville Power Administration	Resource Program	Every 2 years	Feb. 2025
2	Northwest electric utilities	Integrated Resource Plans	Every 2 years	Varies
3	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy	Annual	Jan. 2026
4	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Pacific Northwest Power Supply Adequacy Assessment	Annual	Aug. 2024
5	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Northwest Power Plan	Every 5 Years	Mar. 2022 (2021 Plan)
6	Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee	Northwest Regional Forecast	Annual	Apr. 2026
7	Energy + Environmental Economics	Resource Adequacy and the Energy Transition in the Pacific Northwest	Adhoc	Apr. 2026

The District's current assessment of these studies is that there continues to be concern about regional resource adequacy. Being a load following customer of BPA, the District is fortunate to have its resource adequacy needs met entirely by BPA, however, the District is closely following how BPA may rely on market purchases until procuring additional resources, if needed, to meet its long-term obligations under the Provider of Choice contracts.

Traditionally, BPA completes the Resource Program on a two-year cycle. BPA published the 2024 Resource Program in February 2025. BPA has extended the timeline for the next Resource Program, with delivery expected in December 2027. That timeline ensures the Resource Program's needs assessment reflects forecasted firm load obligations by sequencing it after customers' Provider of Choice contract long-term above-CHWM service elections, which are expected to be finalized this summer. BPA's final needs assessment will not be available until February 2027, however, as of April 2026, BPA is indicating it will prepare a preliminary needs assessment following the customer above-CHWM elections and may consider commercial acquisition shortly thereafter, if triggered by a demonstrated need.[13]

The District is also monitoring the emergence of regional resource adequacy programs and power markets:

- On December 16, 2022, BPA issued its final decision letter to continue participation in the Western Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and electing Winter 2027-2028 as its first binding season.[14] As a participant in the WRAP, BPA would take on the role of Load Responsible Entity for all load following customers and would be contractually bound to meet its firm power contractual obligations regardless of any obligations under WRAP. WRAP would provide BPA with a last backstop for the capacity to serve its firm power contractual obligations if BPA were to be deficit and could find no other bilateral counterparties. Additional information about WRAP is available on the Western Power Pool's website[15], including an Energy GPS, LLC *Special Report: Western Resource Adequacy Program Primer*.[16]
- On May 9, 2025, BPA issued its Day-Ahead Market Policy, which established BPA's intent to pursue participation in Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ day-ahead market. On March 12, 2026, BPA announced it was moving forward with implementation and proposing joining Markets+ in October 2028. [17]

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[13] BPA Provider of Choice Presentation - 4/20/2026
[14] https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/western-resource-adequacy-program
[15] https://www.westernpowerpool.org/about/programs/western-resource-adequacy-program
[16] https://www.westernpowerpool.org/news/energy-gps-issues-special-report-on-wrap
[17] https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/day-ahead-market

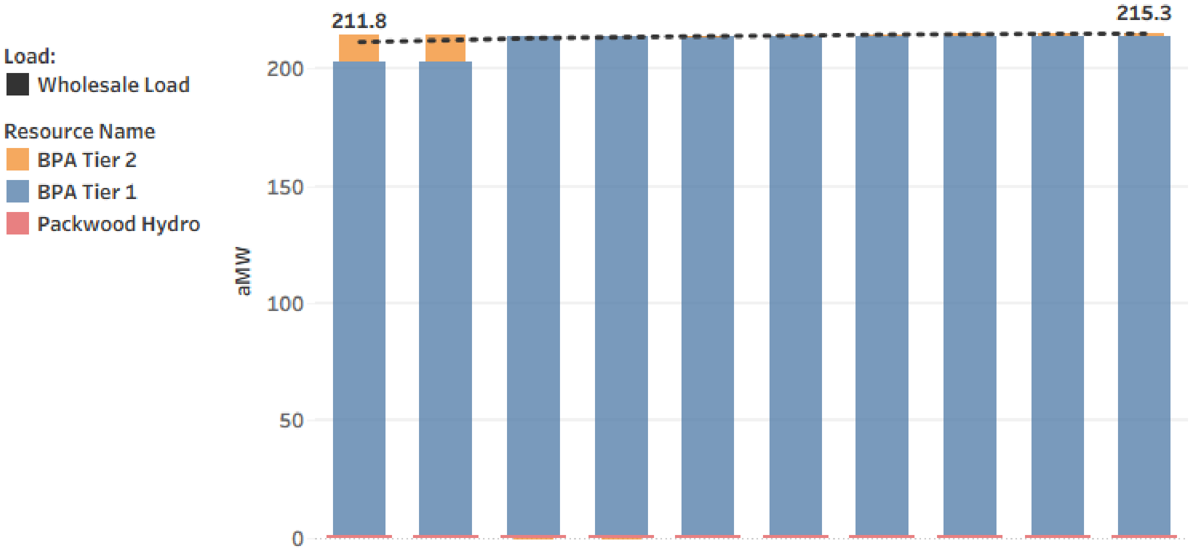
Resource Plan

This Resource Plan is consistent with the following strategic goal in the District's published Strategic Plan[18]:

- **ENSURE A RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE & LEAST-COST POWER SUPPLY**
  Balance environmental and economic tradeoffs and risks to achieve a power supply portfolio which helps ensure the health, safety and well-being of our customers.

The District's 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 5-1.**

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District's BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA's load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA's Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA's 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District's strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA's load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power. Additional details about BPA Provider of Choice contract assumptions are provided in the next section.



	BP-26		BP-29		BP-31		BP-33		BP-35	
Resource Name	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPA Tier 2	11.6	11.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4
BPA Tier 1	202.1	202.1	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0
Packwood Hydro	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Resource Total (aMW)	214.6	214.7	213.4	213.8	214.2	214.4	214.9	215.1	215.3	215.3
2026 Load Forecast (aMW)	211.8	212.5	213.4	213.8	214.2	214.4	214.9	215.1	215.3	215.3
Net Position (aMW)	2.8	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Figure 5-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Rate Case and Fiscal Year

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[18] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/strategic-planning

BPA Provider of Choice Contract

BPA's Provider of Choice process refers to the development of BPA's Post-2028 contracts, committing to 16-years of service from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2044. On October 14, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2709, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Provider of Choice, Load Following Power Sales Agreement (Contract #25-51-02) with BPA.[19] Furthermore, Resolution No. 2709 authorized the General Manager and/or his designees to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the Agreement.

This Resource Plan makes certain assumptions—enumerated below—about the District's Post-2028 contract, however, these assumptions are subject to change. The District will continue evaluating its Post-2028 contract options as additional contract and rate information becomes available.

1. This Resource Plan reflects the Districts choice of the load following product.
    a. The District will have a one-time product switch option during the contract. A minimum of three years notice would apply, with the product switch being effective at the start of the next rate period.
2. This Resource Plan uses a CHWM of 213.007 aMW.
    a. BPA published the final Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) model on May 28, 2026.
    b. The District's CHWM increased from its Regional Dialogue contract because the model includes a positive proportional share adjustment due to BPA's system size increasing to a fixed amount of 7,250 aMW and positive adjustments for customer load growth and conservation achievements through 2023, both of which are favorable for the District.
    c. The District's CHWM amount will be fixed for the contract life, unlike the current contract where the amount is subject to change every rate period.
3. This Resource Plan assumes election of the long-term Tier 2 path to serve above CHWM load.
    a. Within 60 days of the final CHWMs being published—by July 27, 2026—customers must elect an option for serving their above CHWM load.
    b. The above CHWM load service options are either electing, 1) BPA's long-term Tier 2 path, 2) the "flexible" above CHWM path, or 3) a combination of the two paths. The "flexible path" is where the customer is responsible for serving their above CHWM load with a combination of the customer's non-federal resources, BPA's short-term Tier 2, or BPA's Tier 2 Vintage rate.
    c. For customers that initially elect any amount of BPA long-term Tier 2, BPA is proposing a one-time option to change (cap, or reduce) their long-term Tier 2 election amount, subject to a change fee and change charge. A minimum of three years notice would apply with the change to be effective at the start of the next rate period.
    d. On March 24, 2026, Staff presented to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and recommended electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.[20,21]

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[19] Resolution No. 2709, 10/14/2025 Commission Packet (pdf pages 94-229)
[20] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Packet (pdf pages 120-128)
[21] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Presentation

e. On June 23, 2026, Staff presented further details to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and continued to recommend electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.[22,23]

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[22] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 6/23/2026 Commission Packet (pdf pages 59-62)

[23] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 6/23/2026 Commission Presentation

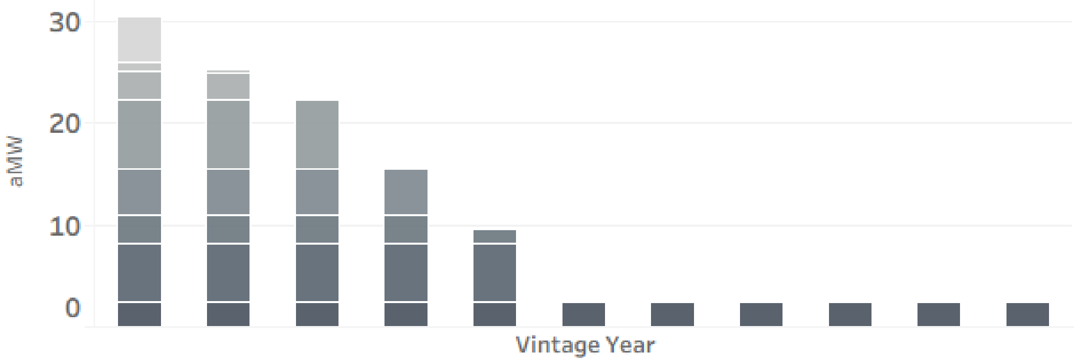
6. Energy Independence Act

Energy Conservation

Washington's Energy Independence Act (EIA or I-937), RCW 19.285, requires the District to pursue all cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation resources and to meet conservation targets set using a utility-specific conservation potential assessment methodology. The District's most recent CPA[24] was an input to the 2026 Load Forecast.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

The District is required to comply with EIA's 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement.[25] Historically, the District has annually retired Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with its long-term power supply contracts for the White Creek and Nine Canyon wind projects, BPA wind and incremental hydro allocations, other qualifying REC contracts, and additional quantities from REC market purchases when needed. The District plans to continue using REC purchases to meet its 15% RPS requirement. The District's existing REC contracts and their forecasted REC amounts are shown below in **Table 6-1**.



REC Contract Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Caely 2026	4.6										
BPA Wind	0.9	0.5									
White Creek	2.7	2.5									
3Degrees	6.8	6.8	6.8								
RPS Associates	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6							
Nine Canyon	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.3						
3Degrees 2026-2030	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7						
BPA Incremental Hydro	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Contract Total aMW	30.5	25.3	22.3	15.5	9.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

Figure 6-1 – Existing REC Contracts by Vintage Year

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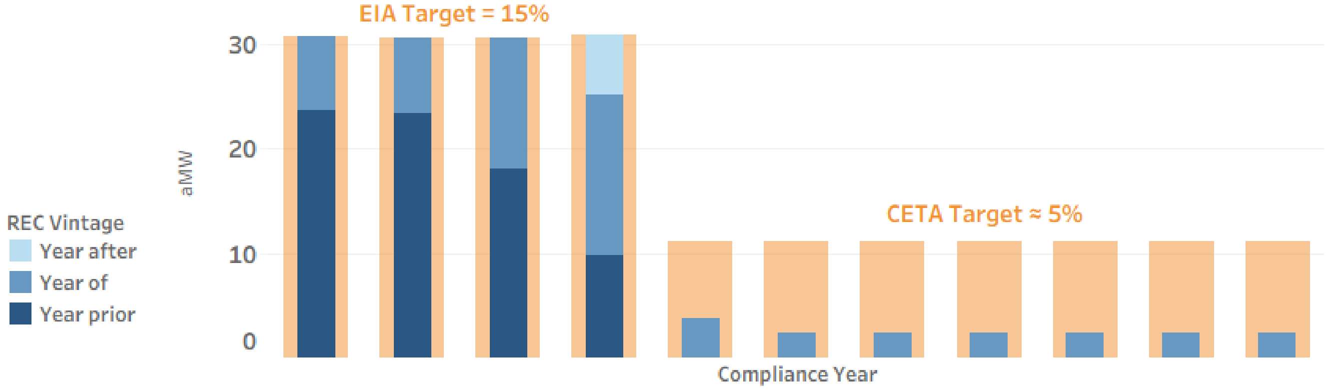
[24] 2025 Conservation Potential Assessment – Resolution No. 2700, 8/12/2025

[25] 15% of the average of the previous two years annual retail load.

While the table above shows the REC contracts and the total amount of RECs forecasted by their vintage year, it does not represent the actual number of RECs that are available for retirement in any given compliance year. This is because EIA allows RECs that are retired for a given compliance year to originate from vintage years that are the same year as the compliance year, or the previous year, or the next year.

The District's plan for acquiring and retiring, across multiple years, the unbundled RECs necessary to meet is 15% RPS requirement is further complicated—for the better—by the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which will result in a step-change reduction in the District's RPS target (from 15% to about 5%), starting January 1, 2030, whereas the District is able to satisfy its EIA RPS requirement by complying with the CETA GHG neutral standard, as further described below in **Section 7** - **Clean Energy Transformation Act**.

Figure 6-1 below represents the District's REC target, REC contract amounts, and the REC net position by compliance year—after factoring in the REC vintage year retirement options and the CETA changes. The graph highlights the District's need to acquire additional RECs starting in compliance year 2030. The actual REC procurement strategy (number of contracts, contract amount, contract length, etc.) is outside the scope of this resource plan. Preliminarily, the District should consider a new REC contract for about 75,000 RECs starting in 2030. These recommendations are subject to change after further analysis.



	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
REC Amount aMW	30.7	30.6	30.7	31.0	3.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Target aMW	30.7	30.6	30.7	31.0	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
REC Net Position aMW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.4	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.8	-8.8
REC Amount MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	32,890	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651
REC Target MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
REC Net Position MWh	0	0	0	0	-64,837	-76,233	-76,652	-76,487	-76,610	-76,699	-77,042

Figure 6-1 – REC Net Position by Compliance Year and Vintage

7. Clean Energy Transformation Act

Washington's resource planning RCW 19.280.030(5)(d) requires the District to identity *"how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050"*. The District's implementation plan for these two CETA requirements are described below:

GHG Neutral Standard

The GHG neutral standard (RCW 19.405.040) says, *"(1) It is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030…"*.

1. The District's existing and proposed resource strategy of conservation, Packwood hydroelectric and BPA's load following contract results in the District's power supply already being about 95% clean.
    a. Given nearly all the District's power supply is from BPA, the District's percentage of clean resources is about the same as BPA's, which has historically been about 95% clean (85% hydro, 11% nuclear, 4% non-clean), based on the median BPA's fuel mix data for 2016-2023.[26]
    b. The District assumes BPA's clean energy mix will remain near 95% through the 10-year period of this plan (through 2036), including through the remainder its existing BPA contract and into BPA's Post-2028 contract that begins October 1, 2028.
2. For the remaining 5% of non-clean energy, the District plans to procure unbundled RECs, which is an allowable alternative compliance option (up to a maximum of 20%) to meet the GHG neutral standard.
    a. From present through 2029, the District expects to easily exceed the GHG neutral standard given the District's 15% EIA RPS target versus a need of only 5% for the GHG neutral standard.
    b. Beginning January 1, 2030, and for each multiyear compliance period thereafter, through December 31, 2044, the District intends to continue using unbundled renewable energy credits to meet its approximately 5% non-clean energy need, thereby meeting both the compliance obligations of the GHG neutral standard and the EIA RPS.
3. See **Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast** for the supporting data of the GHG neutral standard REC target.

100% Clean Standard

The 100% clean standard (RCW 19.405.050) says, "*(1) It is the policy of the state that nonemitting electric generation and electricity from renewable resources supply one hundred percent of all sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers by January 1, 2045…".*

Currently the 100% clean standard, beginning in 2045, is 19 years into the future and is 9-years beyond the time horizon of this 10-year resource plan, ending in 2036. The District is well positioned currently; however, it is also recognized that the upper limit of the District's percentage clean energy is limited to BPA's progress at improving its fuel mix—absent replacing BPA with other resources. The District will be monitoring the changes in BPA's fuel mix over the next several years, including how their mix changes because of participation in emerging western markets.

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[26] https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/power/hydropower-impact

The District will continue to advocate for the benefits of non-emitting nuclear energy and the need for BPA and other utilities to consider nuclear in their resource planning for its long-term benefits for emissions reduction, energy security, transmission availability, reliability, and economic development.

Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Washington Administrative Code 194-40-050 says the following about developing a Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), "*Each utility must submit by January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, a CEIP for resources to be acquired and other actions to be undertaken during the next interim performance period or GHG neutral compliance period to comply with the* ***GHG neutral standard*** *and the* ***100% electricity clean standard****…".*

CETA requires the District to prepare a 4-year CEIP that is consistent with its Resource Plan. The 2024 Resource Plan was referenced by the District's most recent CEIP, approved in October 2025, for the period 2026-2029.[27]

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[27] 2026-2029 CEIP — Resolution No. 2710, October 28, 2025

Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements

Requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5)	**District Comments:**
(5) All other utilities may elect to develop a full integrated resource plan as set forth in subsection (1) of this section or, at a minimum, shall develop a resource plan that:	The District shall develop a Resource Plan that meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5), as described below:
(a) Estimates loads for the next five and 10 years;	See **Section 3 – Load**.
(b) Enumerates the resources that will be maintained and/or acquired to serve those loads;	See **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and **Section 5 - Resource Strategy**.
(c) Explains why the resources in (b) of this subsection were chosen and, if the resources chosen are not: (i) Renewable resources; (ii) methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including addressing any overgeneration event; or (iii) conservation and efficiency resources, why such a decision was made;	
(d) By December 31, 2020, and in every resource plan thereafter, identifies how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050; and	See **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act**.
(e) Accounts for: *(i) Modeled load forecast scenarios that consider the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a utility's service area, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;*	See the **Electrification** subsection of **Section 3 – Load**.
(ii) Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions, and any other relevant information found in the electrification of transportation plans submitted under RCW 35.92.450, 54.16.430, and 80.28.365; and	
(iii) Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts. Electric utilities may, but are not required to, use the forecasts generated by the mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. This subsection (5)(e)(iii) applies only to plans due to be filed after September 1, 2023.	

Requirements of RCW 19.280.050(1)	**District Comments:**
The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports after it has provided public notice and hearing.	The District held three public hearings and also accepted public input via its Resource Plan development webpage.[28] See **Appendix C – Public Comment** for a list of comments received.

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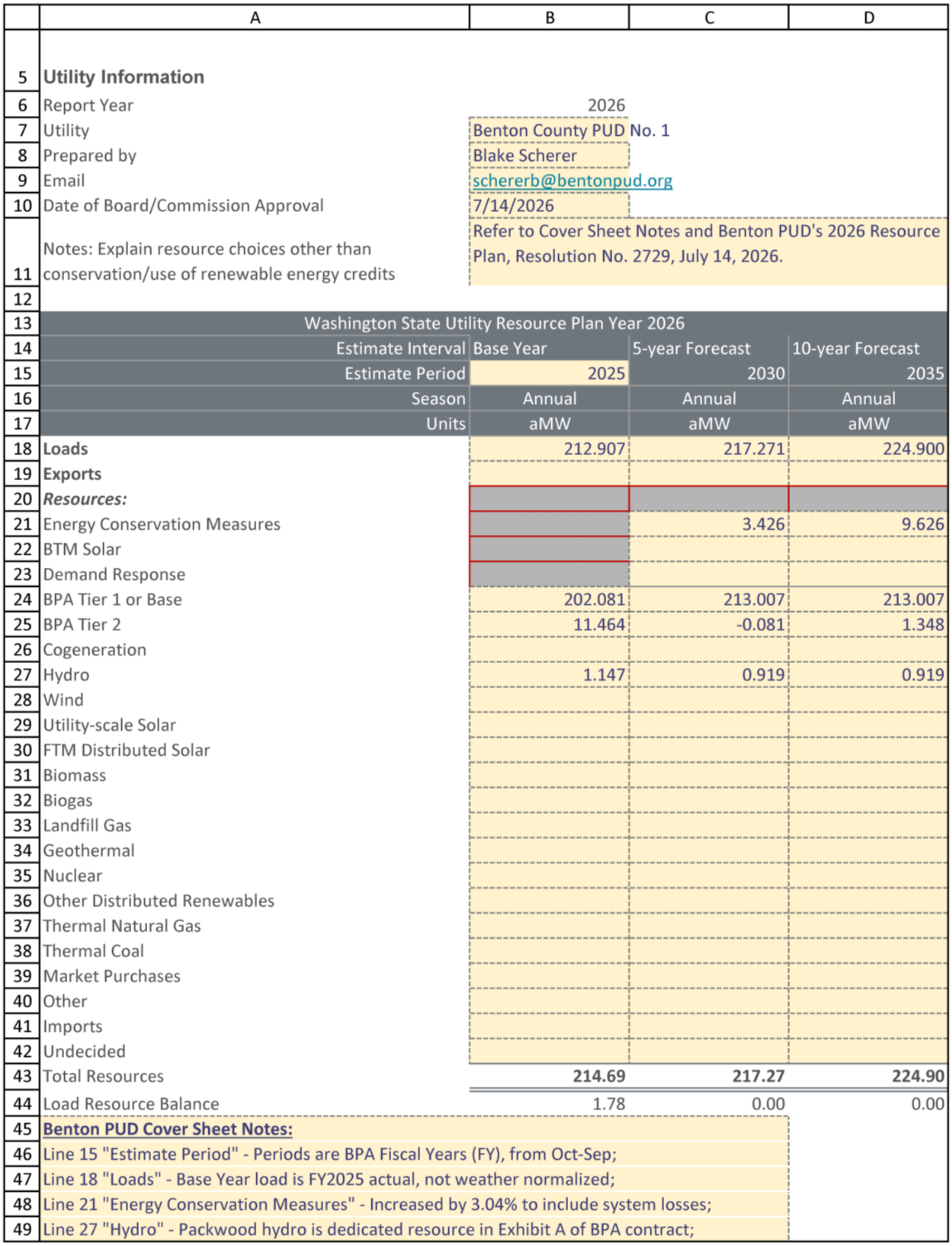
[28] Resource Plan development webpage: https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan

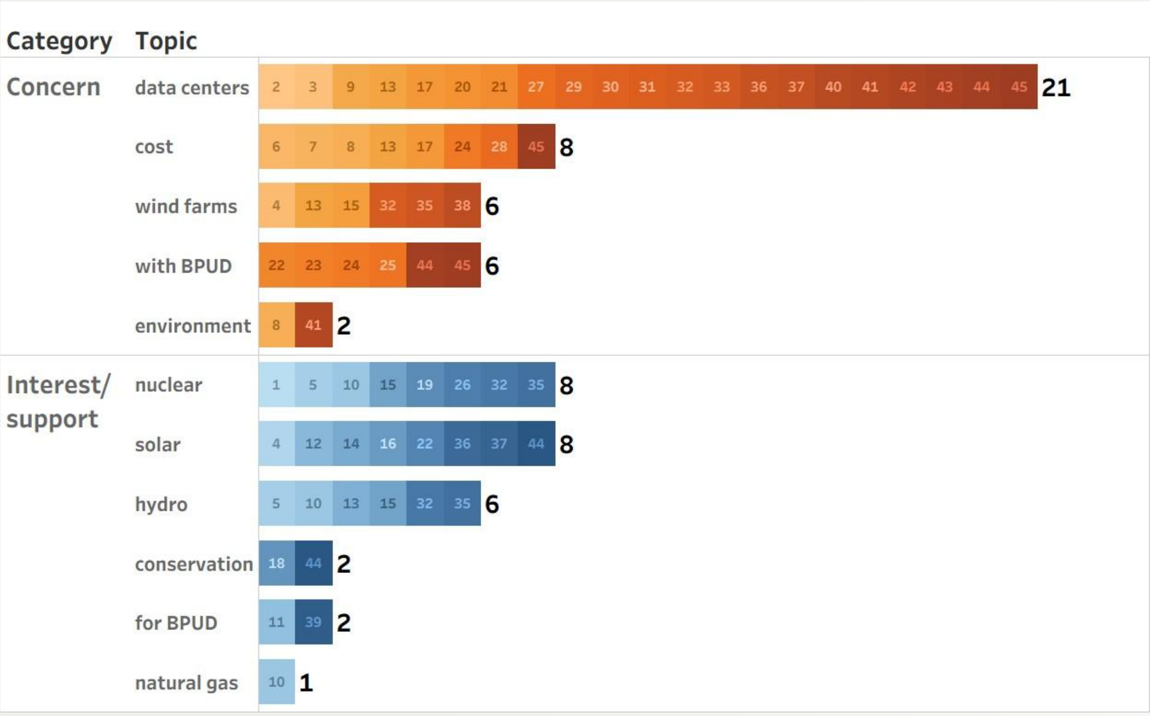
Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet



	A	B	C	D
5	**Utility Information**			
6	Report Year	2026		
7	Utility	Benton County PUD No. 1		
8	Prepared by	Blake Scherer		
9	Email	schererb@bentonpud.org		
10	Date of Board/Commission Approval	7/14/2026		
11	Notes: Explain resource choices other than conservation/use of renewable energy credits	Refer to Cover Sheet Notes and Benton PUD's 2026 Resource Plan, Resolution No. 2729, July 14, 2026.		
12				
13	Washington State Utility Resource Plan Year 2026			
14	Estimate Interval	Base Year	5-year Forecast	10-year Forecast
15	Estimate Period	2025	2030	2035
16	Season	Annual	Annual	Annual
17	Units	aMW	aMW	aMW
18	**Loads**	212.907	217.271	224.900
19	**Exports**			
20	***Resources:***			
21	Energy Conservation Measures		3.426	9.626
22	BTM Solar			
23	Demand Response			
24	BPA Tier 1 or Base	202.081	213.007	213.007
25	BPA Tier 2	11.464	-0.081	1.348
26	Cogeneration			
27	Hydro	1.147	0.919	0.919
28	Wind			
29	Utility-scale Solar			
30	FTM Distributed Solar			
31	Biomass			
32	Biogas			
33	Landfill Gas			
34	Geothermal			
35	Nuclear			
36	Other Distributed Renewables			
37	Thermal Natural Gas			
38	Thermal Coal			
39	Market Purchases			
40	Other			
41	Imports			
42	Undecided			
43	Total Resources	**214.69**	**217.27**	**224.90**
44	Load Resource Balance	1.78	0.00	0.00
45	**Benton PUD Cover Sheet Notes:**			
46	Line 15 "Estimate Period" - Periods are BPA Fiscal Years (FY), from Oct-Sep;			
47	Line 18 "Loads" - Base Year load is FY2025 actual, not weather normalized;			
48	Line 21 "Energy Conservation Measures" - Increased by 3.04% to include system losses;			
49	Line 27 "Hydro" - Packwood hydro is dedicated resource in Exhibit A of BPA contract;			

Appendix C – Public Comment

Public Comments by Topic



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45 unique comments (by ID#) **through 6/26/2026**, some addressing multiple topics.

See Appendix C – Public Comment Log

Public Comment Log

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
1	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Dennis Fife	Is there any plans to include a new nuclear plant or several SMRs?
2	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Michael Rundhaug	I DO NOT want to pay higher bills because of data centers. I didn't vote for them. I don't live in them. I don't get paid by them. Please do whatever you can to prevent this. Thank you
3	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	PT Arnold	We are currently in our 4th consecutive season of drought and fire extreme. Data centers should NOT be consideration in Benton and Franklin counties as they consume both our utilities and water resources abundantly. We can not afford to lose these and must protect our beautiful eastern Wa. No amount of money is worth the sell out of our environment that makes Tri-Cities Awesome.
4	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Jack W	I don't want to see more windmills in our area. I think we should be incentivizing personal solar installations and so we need to get plug and play solar on the books as an inexpensive option for people like other states have been doing.
5	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	JEREMY Strohmeyer	Highest priority should be maintaining electricity generation from dams. Increasing electricity demand should be met with increased nuclear power generation.
6	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Margaret Wade	Keep costs down is the most important thing for me and the people I talk with.
7	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Cate B	Discount for long time city residents and those 65 yrs. and older on fixed income.
8	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Bailey Hargroves	A sustainable renewable energy plan to keep energy cost low and the environmental impact to a minimum
9	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Robin Callow	Please provide information on how the agency intends on dealing with the data centers that are being proposed nearby and what impacts that may have on current residents.

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
10	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Gene Luczynski	Electric and Natural Gas need to work together as there's no way WA will be able to reach green energy goals per the WA CCA. Wind and solar cannot supply the replacement needs of NW or WA. Hydropower must remain and Small Modular Reactors (SMR's) shoukd be a new player in future energy needs.
11	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Santiago, Alfaro	Fue excelente *[Was excellent]*
12	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Frances Leavell	Please consider working with KID to use solar panels over the canals, which would not only serve in energy production but preserve water loss
13	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Jessie Riggle	I would fight for our dams any way possible. Our dams are our most reliable and affordable source of energy. I would dismiss and not go towards and movements to increase wind energy as it is a very small factor and has huge environmental impacts with animals and also they can't be recycled. I would hope that PUD has the communities best interest at heart and will work to make power more affordable as our cost for power have already increased this year. I would also like if the PUD fought any desires to build a data center here as they also cause huge environmental issues and health issues in people and animals and use up our valuable resources.
14	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Basalat Raja	Part of the power is lost as Benton PUD transmits electricity to get the homes. Solar panels are cheaper than ever and windmill improvement research and improvement is continually on-going. PUD should consider the possbiility of reverse-bids - in our area, homeowners own massive, unused land. Let them offer to rent this land for PUD to put panels on it to power their and their neighbors' homes. The installations should be fully owned by PUD, just placed on rented land that is selected on the basis of lowest rent and most efficient placement. PUD will save a lot of money by reducing wasted transmission.
15	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Linda Parish	Please focus on clean, renewable energy sources; i.e. hydro and nuclear. I'm not a fan of wind turbines (bird killers and eye pollution) and profit only the landowner where the turbine is sited. Thank you.
16	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Deanna Richardson	I want more projects leaning towards solar energy. Many people can't get solar do to cost as well as living in apartments, what is PUD doing to encourage and help this?

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
17	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Sydney Schmitt	My only concern is the price doubling in the next few years with everything else going up but my main concern is if our electricity is ever supplied to a data center, please do not force the cost onto current and future residential customers. It is extremely unethical and just flat out not okay. My family has lived in Kennewick for generations and I don't want to see electricity become unaffordable. Thank you.
18	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	Leanne M Selix	Since families with children are the PUDs largest users, I believe a greater effort on educating the young on energy conservation would benefit parents and our environment !
19	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	LEONARD HARVILLE	Please consider adding SMR's (Small Modualar Reactors) at the Energy Northwest sight in Richland, WA.
20	Webpage	05/16/2026	Kennewick	David Weber	Two data centers are planned to be built in Benton County and one near Walla Walla. Trammell Crow Lewis & Clark Ranch Data Center, Atlas Agro Data Center Campus, and AWS Wallula Gap Data Center Campus. I expect full, detailed reports on how each of these will use utilities, specifically the amount of gigawatts they will consume and how much will be provided by Benton Pub. Further, I expect a detailed report on whether and how the cost of developing infrastructure may be passed on to residents that use Benton Pub to keep our lights on.
21	Webpage	05/20/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	The ONE thing that will destroy this community it a data center. DO NOT E EN ALLOW one meeting with buying tech. DATA centers have proven to destroy communitues
21B					Received duplicate message of #21
22	Webpage	05/25/2026	Kennewick	Jon Fager	I am disappointed that the public hearing meetings are at 9 a.m. when most employed people with an interest in attending need to be at work. I have attended the evening presentations that Benton PUD hosts annually. I appreciate the preparation and presentations. Over the past couple of years, the primary presenter has painted a very negative picture of wind and solar power. I would like to see Benton PUD find ways to increase its use of solar and wind power as part of a wide ranging portfolio of energy sources. I would like to see us improve our already strong commitment to clean energy by embracing these technologies rather than denigrating them.

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
23	Webpage	05/31/2026	Kennewick	Lisa Peppard	I care about fiscal responsibility of the PUD, keeping costs as low as possible to the consumer; environmental stewardship and responsibility; reliability; and keeping partisan politics out of the utility district.
24	Webpage	06/03/2026	Kennewick	Shirley Widener	Well hopefully it would lower our rates 😠 but just noticed that you increased the overage kilowatt that used to be a dollar but now it's. $1.54, now PUD will say that's not a rate increase but when it's more money out of our pocket it's a roundabout rate increase, just a horse of a different color. Why are your current customers being charged for new apartments and homes being built when PUD will be collecting for new construction, even what PUD is now collecting the kilowatt increase billing.we were5 kilowatts over and I suspect most residence the same, that's a Hugh rate increase for PUD already.Then the restriction hours are ridiculous and set up to complement PUD. Your resource plan flyer looks so innocent but just a wolf in sheep's clothing.
25	Webpage	06/05/2026	Prosser	Sheri Wilkins	Please change the grid system so you're not constantly shutting down the grid and we are without electricity. I noticed that Benton REA never does that but PUD does it on a regular basis
26	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Leonard Harville	Consider construction of a SMR (Small Modular Reactor) next to Energy Northwest reactor to add to generation capacity.
27	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	Absolutely NO DATA CENTERS!!
28	Webpage	06/05/2026	Richland	James Kelly	Reliability is my top priority followed by cost. Adding major new industrial users should be at their expense for required new power and distribution lines
29	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Terry Farnsworth	Customers over Data Centers. We should be your first priority; costs shouldn't rise because of a Data Center-they should solve their own power problems. Benton County is growing quickly, it's going to be a challenge to meet the needs of our current customer growth, that needs to take priority.
30	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Angry Citizin	NO DATA CENTERS IN OUR HOME, I WILL NOT PAY EXTRA MONEY AND GIVE MY KIDS DIRTY WATER FOR THE SAKE OF SOME RICH GUYS THAT DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE. YOU BUILD THAT DATA CENTER AND IM BRINGING EVERY DROP OF DIRTY WATER TO THE PUD EVERY SINGLE DAY UNTIL IT'S GONE. YOU CAN'T TAKE OUR WATER AND OUR POWER, WE WON'T LET YOU.

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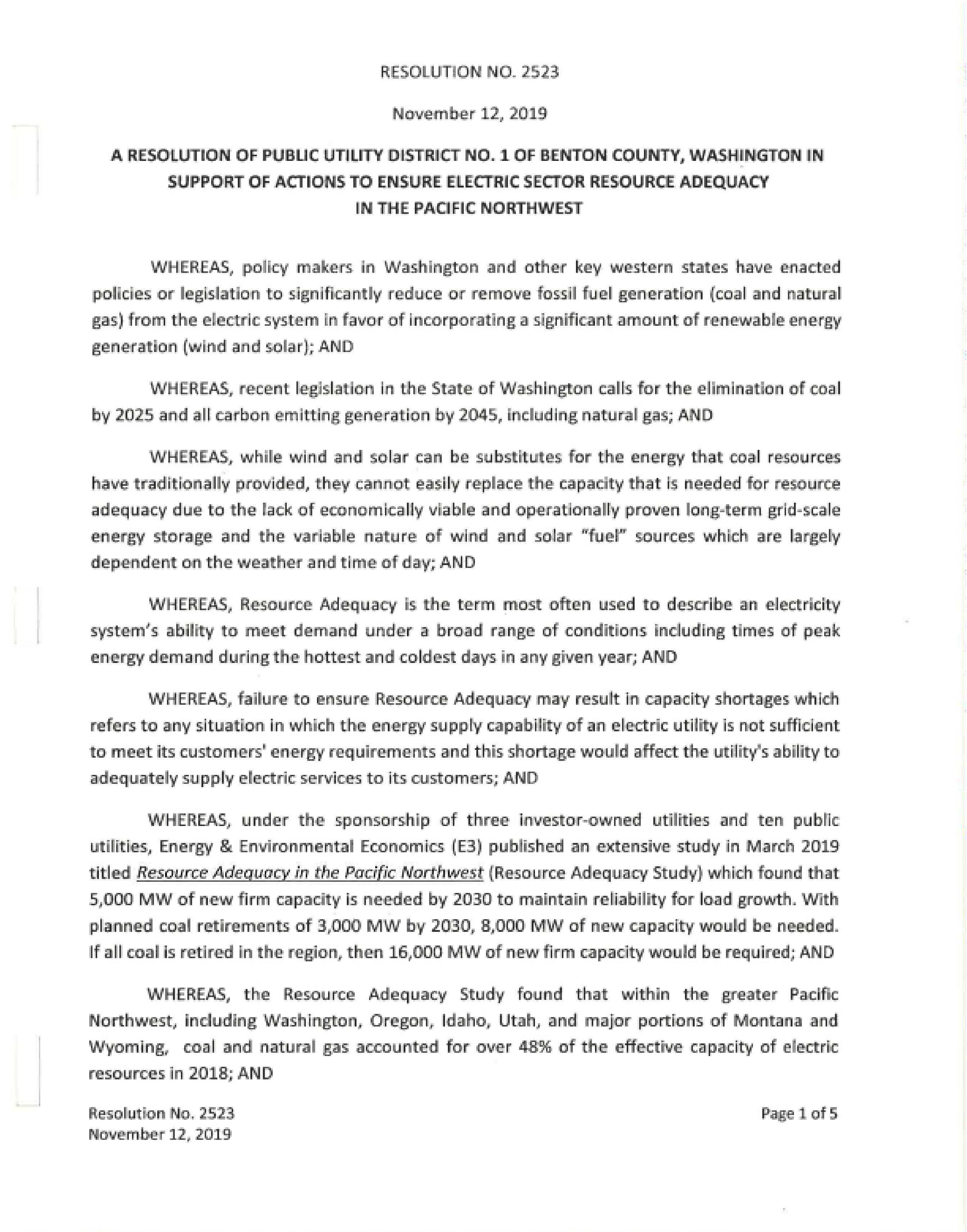
31	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Katelynne Kline	If data centers are put in make them pay for there power usage not the people. If its possible even saying no to data centers
32	Webpage	06/06/2026	Kennewick	Sara Nelson	I'd prefer to not have data centers in our area. They've shown that there are higher incidence of stillbirths and cancer near data centers. Protect our dams. Stop adding windmills. Small scale nuclear makes sense.
33	Webpage	06/06/2026	Pasco	Jeanette Fiore	No data centers. Suck all of our resources, pollute water, increase costs, enrich some who get kickbacks from projects, big brother tactics in place, government controls easier, and sneaky of you all to get this in place and I will protest.
34	Webpage	06/06/2026	Bentoncity	Gordon Downey	West Kiona Hights
35	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton city	Teresa Anderson	No windmills or any other fake climate crisis green woke energy sources. Nuclear is the top choice for me. Hydro as well.
36	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton city	Josh Richert	Would love to see some more solar power plans as they would be greatly effective during hot sunny days when everyone is using AC. Do not want to see any extra transmission lines or grid prep for data centers. These atrocities do nothing for our community but makes noise, suck power and water, and drive down property values all while destroying the environment.
37	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton City	Laura Carpino	I support continued expansion of solar energy to support the energy needs of our community. I do NOT support data centers which will increase energy costs to our community, drain water reserves which will decrease property values, cause noise pollution in our quiet community, and will fail to provide lasting high-paying jobs.
38	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Richard Monlux	No more wind power. When the wind blows not all the towers are running and sometimes towers don't work when the wind is blowing this makes the wind towers unreliable for a power source.

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
39	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Steven Gourley	Improve and expand the grid as quickly as possible. Produce power for the grid the cheapest way possible to attract more businesses which will allow more grow.
40	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Tammy Williams	Households should come before big corporations. Do not allow data centers to come in and raise rates and destroy our natural resources, health, community and our children's futures!
41	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Tweeter Pinkham	We should ban the development of any data centers. They are bad for the environment. I also support removal of the dams to restore the rivers and all living things that thrive without them.
42	Webpage	06/08/2026	Benton county	Tammy Slack	After decades of being advised to turn my thermostat down by at least a few degrees to conserve electricity (put a sweater on in your house) and now have a non-transparent push to have your local base of customers pay for a giant AI data center company to wreak economic and environmental distruction to our homes and pocketbooks is beyond reason and should be denied without hesitation. AI data centers should be required to build their own power sources without any effect on the surrounding area. A small nuclear reactor sesms to be the only choice since I've read they drain enough electricity to power large cities. Then of course is the environment contamination they are causing. The water they demand, contamination of that water and release back into the surrounding environment. All on the locals dime. Just say no.
43	Webpage	06/09/2026	West Richland	Molly Brose	My biggest concern is the massive possible implementation of data centers in our area. Washington state has a plane for clean energy and no carbon footprint yet this proposed multiple MASSIVE data centers proposed for the area is the complete opposite. With more comments and concerns coming from other communities about energy and electricity become sucked from them to go to data centers is not a plan for the people and community.

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
44	Webpage	06/09/2026	Richland	Tri Citizen	Conservation, conservation, conservation- FIRST! You must stop assuming water will always flow at the rates it has. If the oligarchs manage to steal our democracy don't assume that Canada will kowtow to our bullying. Do not engage with data centers. Build some microgrids with local solar and batteries so if mismanagement of the entire grid happens you can power medical facilities. You could partner with businesses and the city/KSD to install acres of solar parking shades across the Southridge area making it more comfortable for students, park users, hospital workers and patients to return to their cars in summer. Same in Col Ctr/Canal, Vista Fiekd, convention area- rooftop too! Stop making ignorant RACIST and shameful statements against tribes re LSRD breach. It's embarrassing and grotesque. Salmon, the nourishment they provide to >140 forest species, and cultural survival are more important than cheap power. Especially when so much is wasted at night, creating light pollution.
45	Webpage	06/14/2026	Prosser	Brian Hammer	Affordable power is a huge benefit of living here. Please keep it that way. Data centers are terrible, please do anything to avoid it. If any are coming please give us information to attend meetings against it. And outages seem more common than our last area. Consistently would be great. Thos would be my top concerns.

Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523



RESOLUTION NO. 2523

November 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO ENSURE ELECTRIC SECTOR RESOURCE ADEQUACY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS, policy makers in Washington and other key western states have enacted policies or legislation to significantly reduce or remove fossil fuel generation (coal and natural gas) from the electric system in favor of incorporating a significant amount of renewable energy generation (wind and solar); AND

WHEREAS, recent legislation in the State of Washington calls for the elimination of coal by 2025 and all carbon emitting generation by 2045, including natural gas; AND

WHEREAS, while wind and solar can be substitutes for the energy that coal resources have traditionally provided, they cannot easily replace the capacity that is needed for resource adequacy due to the lack of economically viable and operationally proven long-term grid-scale energy storage and the variable nature of wind and solar “fuel” sources which are largely dependent on the weather and time of day; AND

WHEREAS, Resource Adequacy is the term most often used to describe an electricity system’s ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year; AND

WHEREAS, failure to ensure Resource Adequacy may result in capacity shortages which refers to any situation in which the energy supply capability of an electric utility is not sufficient to meet its customers' energy requirements and this shortage would affect the utility's ability to adequately supply electric services to its customers; AND

WHEREAS, under the sponsorship of three investor-owned utilities and ten public utilities, Energy & Environmental Economics (E3) published an extensive study in March 2019 titled *Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest* (Resource Adequacy Study) which found that 5,000 MW of new firm capacity is needed by 2030 to maintain reliability for load growth. With planned coal retirements of 3,000 MW by 2030, 8,000 MW of new capacity would be needed. If all coal is retired in the region, then 16,000 MW of new firm capacity would be required; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study found that within the greater Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and major portions of Montana and Wyoming, coal and natural gas accounted for over 48% of the effective capacity of electric resources in 2018; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that it would be extremely costly and impractical to replace this magnitude of firm generating capacity with solar, wind and storage due to the significant renewable overbuild and required transmission-line construction needed to maintain adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that renewables such as wind and solar generation require much greater land area to generate equivalent energy compared to generation sources such as natural gas and nuclear. Under deep decarbonization scenarios, significant land area is required for wind and solar project development. In the 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario analyzed in the Study, estimates of total land use vary from 3 million acres to 14 million acres which is equivalent to 20 to 100 times the land area of Portland and Seattle combined; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study identified a very low capacity contribution from existing wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest with Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) values of 7% and 12% based on 2018 load and resource balance. ELCC is a generation resource's firm contribution to system peak load; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the incremental capacity contribution of new wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest declines as a function of penetration. ELCC for wind and solar in 2050 under a 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario only increase to 22% and 16% respectively (assuming significant contributions from Montana and Wyoming wind projects); AND

WHEREAS, while the capacity contributions from wind and solar power are relatively small when compared to other generation resources, the land-use impacts of overbuilding wind and solar could be significantly impactful to citizens of Benton County and adjacent counties in eastern Washington; AND

WHEREAS, wind and solar power project development should be evaluated and prioritized for construction based on informed and complete evaluations of all costs and benefits, including economic, environmental, ecological and operational factors; AND

WHEREAS, electric utilities must balance environmental concerns with costs and very high customer expectations for grid reliability; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study used an Annual Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no more than 2.4 hours per year as the standard for assessing the adequacy of the greater Pacific Northwest power grid. The LOLE was derived from a 1-in-10 standard of no more than 24 hours of lost load in 10 years which is a common standard used across the electric utility industry; AND

WHEREAS, the LOLE standard does not specifically characterize the magnitude of lost load or the duration, it is a metric for determining the risk of power grid blackouts which depending on the location and weather conditions can represent a serious risk to the safety, health, and well-being of electric utility customers; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the greater Pacific Northwest power grid based on 2018 data does not currently meet an LOLE standard of 2.4 hours per year and will not meet this standard through 2030 under assumed load growth and planned coal-fired power plant retirements; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study also identified the lack of a mandatory or voluntary national standard for Resource Adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the real-time balancing of demand and supply in the Western Interconnection of the United States and Canadian power grids is accomplished by thirty-eight Balancing Authorities, thirteen of which operate in the greater Pacific Northwest; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authorities typically have specific generation plants and loads assigned to them that together with interconnections to other Balancing Authorities allows for regional interchange of electricity as a means of maintaining precise balance of demand and supply across large geographical areas; AND

WHEREAS, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) publish information about Resource Adequacy but have no formal governing role; AND

WHEREAS, each Balancing Authority establishes its own Resource Adequacy standard subject to oversight by state commissions or locally-elected boards; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authority utilities and many other utilities, including Benton PUD, have historically relied on market purchases of unspecified generation resources contracted on a day-ahead and real-time basis to ensure demand and supply are balanced; AND

WHEREAS, the announced retirements of dependable and dispatchable coal-fired power plants in the greater Pacific Northwest coupled with various state policies is anticipated to significantly diminish the pool of available market resources that are critical to meeting electricity demand on the hottest and coldest days of the year; AND

WHEREAS, utilities in the greater Pacific Northwest are concerned that preferences for wind and solar power, coupled with battery storage technology which today is uneconomic and operationally unproven for durations required for Northwest weather events, may risk underinvestment in dependable capacity that is needed during low hydro generation periods and prolonged periods of low wind and solar generation that often occur during extreme weather and temperature events; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool, an organization comprised of major generating utilities serving the greater Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta, issued a summary paper highlighting major studies and reports issued by leading utility industry groups that the Northwest's transition away from coal and towards cleaner generating resources is leading to an urgent and immediate challenge to the ability of the Northwest's electric system to provide reliable electric service; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool's white paper noted two conclusions of particular concern: 1) the region may begin to experience capacity shortages as soon as next year; and 2) by the mid-2020s, the region may face a capacity deficit of thousands of megawatts; AND

WHEREAS, acting through the Northwest Power Pool, a broad coalition of electric utilities across the Pacific Northwest agreed that a voluntary Resource Adequacy program be designed in 2020 and implemented as soon as 2021; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 electricity resource mix was approximately 95% carbon-free, primarily attributed to hydro and nuclear power which provide reliable baseload generation obtained via contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's peak loads are in excess of its allocation of hydro, nuclear and wind power resources; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's approach to managing capacity deficits experienced during peak summer and winter loading periods has been primarily to use financial instruments to hedge its position and to make unspecified market purchases for energy and capacity deficits in day-ahead and real-time markets; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 Integrated Resource Plan recommended considering longer term physical capacity purchases in periods when the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) is projecting a Loss of Load probability (LOLP) greater than 5%; AND

WHEREAS, the Council has established the loss-of load probability (LOLP) metric to assess the adequacy of the Northwest's power supply. The power supply is deemed adequate if its LOLP, five years into the future, is 5 percent or less for each of the years being evaluated. This means that the likelihood of at least one shortfall in generation resources during any of the years in the five-year study must be 5 percent or less; AND

WHEREAS, the Council's 2024 Resource Adequacy Assessment indicates an LOLP of 7.5% in 2021, increasing to 8.2% or possibly 12.8% in 2024 given the October 2019 announcement by PacifiCorp of a possible early retirement of their 530-megawatt Jim Bridger 1 coal-fired power plant; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's recently completed capacity analysis identified average projected heavy load hour (HLH) capacity deficits beginning after the expiration of the Frederickson power purchase agreement in September 2022 of approximately 100 megawatts in summer months (July and August) and 45 megawatts in winter months (December, January and February); AND

WHEREAS, the rapid elimination of the electric capacity provided by coal as well as the anticipated reduction of available natural-gas capacity expected to occur if new plants are not constructed may lead to capacity shortages during peak winter and summer demand periods directly impacting Benton PUD along with utility customers throughout the region; AND

WHEREAS, the creation of a greater Pacific Northwest, voluntary but enforceable Resource Adequacy standard has the potential to provide a common and consistent measure by which regulating bodies can objectively evaluate utility recommendations to acquire or construct new generation capacity for their individual and/or collective benefit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby declares its support to the Northwest Power Pool's efforts to develop a voluntary Resource Adequacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission and Staff will undertake an effort to heighten the awareness of customers and policy makers as to Resource Adequacy concerns, environmental and land use impacts associated with high wind and solar project development scenarios, as well as decisions that may significantly harm electric system Resource Adequacy, such as the breaching or removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams as outlined in Resolution No. 2505.

ADOPTED at an open meeting as required by law this 12th day of November 2019.

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Barry A. Bush, Secretary

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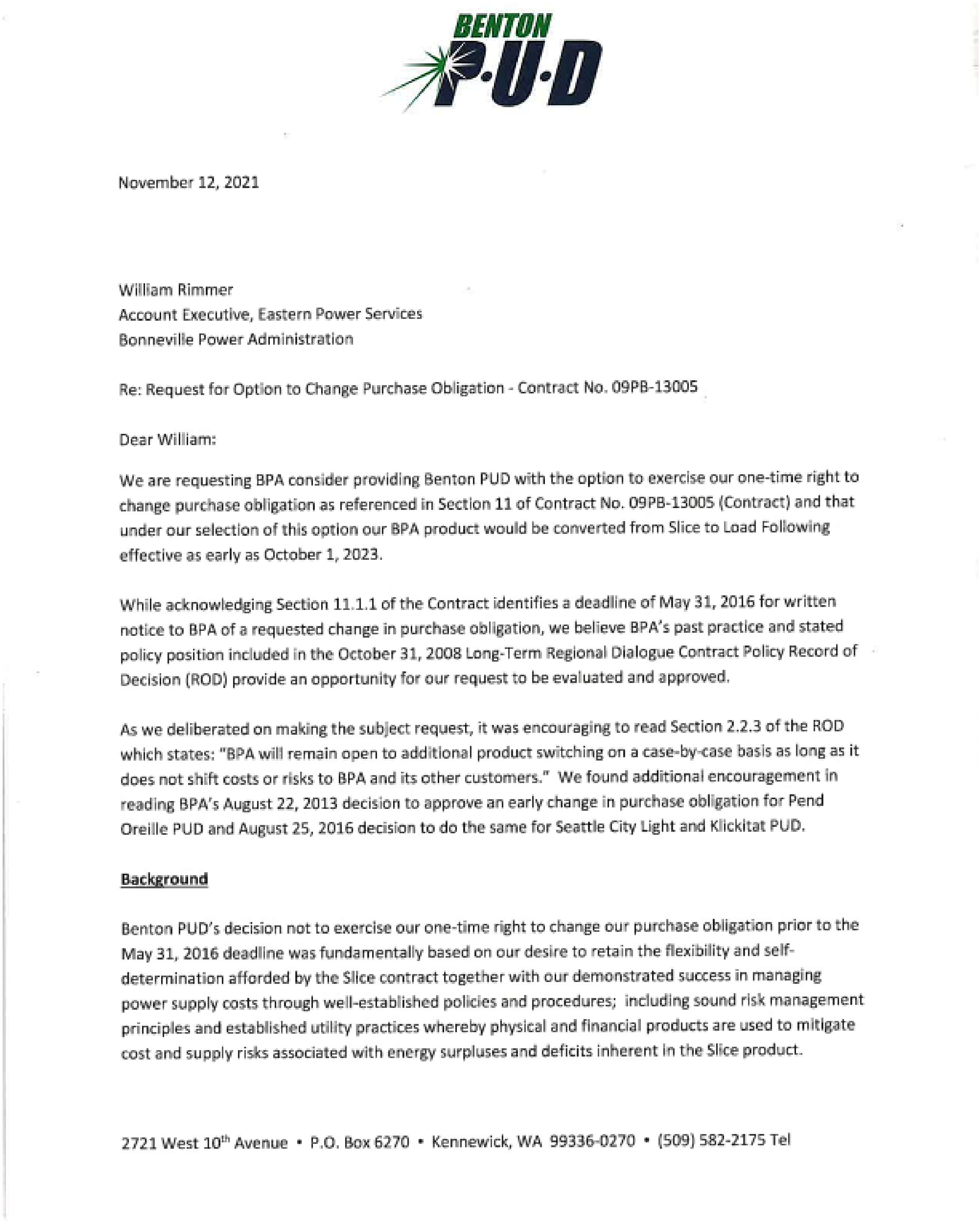
Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter



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November 12, 2021

William Rimmer
Account Executive, Eastern Power Services
Bonneville Power Administration

Re: Request for Option to Change Purchase Obligation - Contract No. 09PB-13005

Dear William:

We are requesting BPA consider providing Benton PUD with the option to exercise our one-time right to change purchase obligation as referenced in Section 11 of Contract No. 09PB-13005 (Contract) and that under our selection of this option our BPA product would be converted from Slice to Load Following effective as early as October 1, 2023.

While acknowledging Section 11.1.1 of the Contract identifies a deadline of May 31, 2016 for written notice to BPA of a requested change in purchase obligation, we believe BPA's past practice and stated policy position included in the October 31, 2008 Long-Term Regional Dialogue Contract Policy Record of Decision (ROD) provide an opportunity for our request to be evaluated and approved.

As we deliberated on making the subject request, it was encouraging to read Section 2.2.3 of the ROD which states: "BPA will remain open to additional product switching on a case-by-case basis as long as it does not shift costs or risks to BPA and its other customers." We found additional encouragement in reading BPA's August 22, 2013 decision to approve an early change in purchase obligation for Pend Oreille PUD and August 25, 2016 decision to do the same for Seattle City Light and Klickitat PUD.

Background

Benton PUD's decision not to exercise our one-time right to change our purchase obligation prior to the May 31, 2016 deadline was fundamentally based on our desire to retain the flexibility and self-determination afforded by the Slice contract together with our demonstrated success in managing power supply costs through well-established policies and procedures; including sound risk management principles and established utility practices whereby physical and financial products are used to mitigate cost and supply risks associated with energy surpluses and deficits inherent in the Slice product.

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Prior to May 31, 2016 Benton PUD's power supply management strategy was working well as we and many other utilities covered forecasted capacity and energy deficits through unspecified market purchases hedged by financial products strategically purchased to gain price certainty. While price risk was historically our biggest concern, we have always been mindful of our obligation to ensure load and resource balance and the risk of physical electricity shortfalls. So, even though in 2016 we were aware of planned northwest coal-fired power plant retirements and believed additional retirements were imminent, we also believed existing hydro and natural gas generation resources together with development of new gas plants would provide adequate market depth to allow us to continue implementing our proven strategy. To support this belief, Benton PUD closely monitored the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's loss-of-load-probability (LOLP) analysis, PNUCC's Northwest Regional Forecast and power market price volatility as primary indicators of the risk of physical shortfalls.

Fast forward to the passage of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019. While CETA does not outright prohibit the development of new natural gas plants, it has effectively eliminated planned investments through social-cost-of-carbon planning penalties along with punitive administrative penalties for using carbon emitting resources beginning in 2030. When you consider CETA along with Oregon's recent passage of clean energy legislation prohibiting the siting of new natural gas plants within state borders, it is easy to understand why most utilities do not believe significant new natural gas plant capacity will be built any time soon. This situation has been and continues to be very concerning to Benton PUD which is why we issued two requests for proposals (one in October 2019 and another in September 2020) to see if we could secure physical generation and begin to close a portion of the gap in our expected future capacity deficits. While we made some headway by signing one contract, we only received a total of four responses to our two RFPs and the term of the contract we did sign is only for three years beginning in late 2022 and ending in 2025.

As you know, Benton PUD is a uniquely summer peaking utility with heavy air conditioning load combining with large, irrigated agriculture pumping operations to drive our maximum customer demand. During the recent heat dome event in June of this year, irrigated agriculture represented 35% of our new maximum hourly demand of 490 megawatts. As a point of reference, Benton PUD's annual average total power supply requirements is about 210 average megawatts. And while our Slice and Block allocations provided under our existing Contract often result in a surplus annual energy position and are shaped based on a summer peaking load profile, the timing and magnitude of our allocation of BPA supply often results in significant summer season energy deficits; sometimes requiring daily market purchases like we experienced this past July. Adding to the challenge of significant and persistent summer deficits is hydro variability compounded by the uncertainty of northwest grid regional resource adequacy.

Clearly, what Benton PUD has counted on for many years and what we need going forward is access to dispatchable capacity and energy. And while Washington and Oregon clean energy policies promote overbuilding of wind and solar power inside and outside the northwest to replace fossil-fueled resources, these low-capacity and weather dependent technologies are not feasible or cost-effective solutions to our power supply challenges. Only hydro and natural gas can provide the dispatchability and necessary load following capabilities to responsibly cover our seasonal energy and capacity deficits.

As part of our power supply planning due diligence and desire to constructively contribute to a critically important regional effort, Benton PUD has joined the non-binding phase of the Northwest Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) with The Energy Authority (TEA) representing our and six other utilities' interests. We are committed to doing our part to help ensure adequate physical generating resources are available and that we are not contributing to future grid emergencies and unacceptable increases in the risk of blackouts. With that said, our options are limited, and we feel compelled to reach out to BPA prior to making another attempt to secure additional capacity through competitive solicitations informed by results from WRAP analysis and program requirements.

While we are proud to be a part of the WRAP efforts and have great confidence in the design and implementation teams, we are concerned the summer season forward showing requirements could result in disproportionately high costs to Benton PUD given the large difference between our irrigation driven summer peak demand and our actual loads that begin to fall off rapidly in the period between mid-August and the end of September (corresponding to a shift from maximum water pumping to harvesting of crops).

Benton PUD plans to issue a progress report to our 2020 Integrated Resource Plan in September of 2022 and will be working with the WRAP team on participant data submittals for their first summer showing (June thru September 2023) with a deadline of October 31, 2022. With these dates in mind, it would be helpful if BPA could complete the analysis and required public processes necessary to respond to the subject request by June 30, 2022 if possible. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to future discussions and to working with BPA on possible next steps.

Sincerely,

Rick Dunn
General Manager

Cc:
Suzanne Cooper/BPA
Kim Thompson/BPA
Nancy Schimmels/BPA
Kevin White/Benton PUD

Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast

						Calendar Year					
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPUD Retail MWh	1,792,937	1,802,220	1,814,009	1,814,423	1,818,987	1,821,890	1,829,654	1,826,591	1,828,865	1,830,514	1,836,865
BPUD Retail Prior 2-Year Avg. MWh	1,793,372	1,785,429	1,797,579	1,808,115	1,814,216	1,816,705	1,820,438	1,825,772	1,828,123	1,827,728	1,829,690
REC Target MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
REC Target EIA %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%							
REC Target CETA %					5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean %	5.372%	5.372%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%
BPUD Retail Clean %	94.628%	94.628%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%
BPUD Retail Renewable %	84.094%	84.094%	84.093%	84.093%	84.093%	84.093%	84.092%	84.093%	84.092%	84.092%	84.092%
BPUD Retail Non-emitting %	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	96,319	96,821	97,458	97,480	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
BPUD Retail Clean MWh	1,696,618	1,705,400	1,716,551	1,716,943	1,721,260	1,724,006	1,731,351	1,728,454	1,730,604	1,732,164	1,738,172
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,507,758	1,515,556	1,525,458	1,525,806	1,529,640	1,532,078	1,538,600	1,536,028	1,537,937	1,539,323	1,544,657
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	188,860	189,843	191,093	191,137	191,620	191,928	192,751	192,426	192,667	192,842	193,515
BPUD Retail Unspecified MWh	96,319	96,821	97,458	97,480	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
BPUD Retail Hydro MWh	1,496,613	1,504,353	1,514,182	1,514,527	1,518,332	1,520,752	1,527,226	1,524,672	1,526,568	1,527,943	1,533,237
BPUD Retail Wind MWh	11,145	11,203	11,277	11,279	11,308	11,326	11,375	11,356	11,370	11,380	11,420
BPUD Retail Nuclear MWh	188,860	189,843	191,093	191,137	191,620	191,928	192,751	192,426	192,667	192,842	193,515
BPUD Wholesale Total MWh	1,847,442	1,857,008	1,869,155	1,869,581	1,874,284	1,877,275	1,885,276	1,882,120	1,884,463	1,886,162	1,892,705
BPUD Wholesale BPA MWh	1,836,377	1,845,943	1,858,090	1,858,516	1,863,219	1,866,210	1,874,211	1,871,055	1,873,398	1,875,097	1,881,640
BPUD Wholesale Packwood MWh	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065
BPUD Wholesale BPA %	99.401%	99.404%	99.408%	99.408%	99.410%	99.411%	99.413%	99.412%	99.413%	99.413%	99.415%
BPUD Wholesale Packwood %	0.599%	0.596%	0.592%	0.592%	0.590%	0.589%	0.587%	0.588%	0.587%	0.587%	0.585%
BPA Non-Clean %	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%
BPA Clean %	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%
BPA Unspecified %	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%
BPA Hydro %	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%
BPA Wind %	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%
BPA Nuclear %	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%

Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County

2026 Resource Plan

for 2027-2036

Contents

1. Executive Summary

The District prepares a Resource Plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 19.280, as discussed within **Section 2 – Resource Plan Overview**. This Resource Plan incorporates the District's most recent load forecast and Conservation Potential Assessment, as discussed within **Section 3 - Load**. The Resource Plan considers the District's existing resources, listed within **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and then describes, within **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**, the District's 10-year strategy for meeting its future power supply needs.

The District's 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 1-1**.

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District's BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA's load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA's Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA's 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District's strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA's load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power.

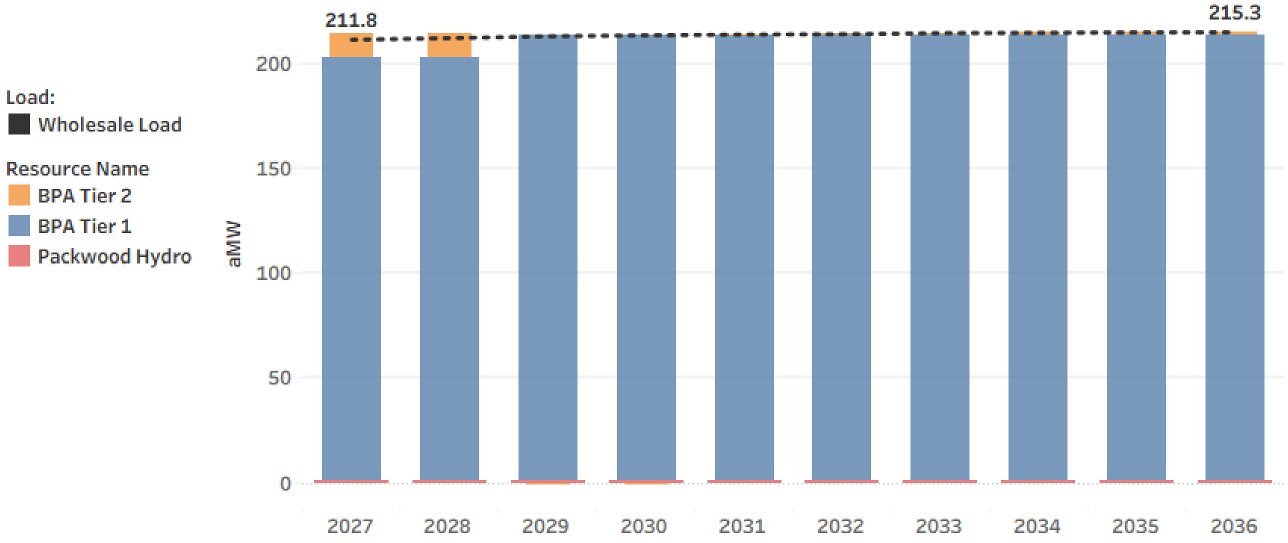

Figure 1-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Fiscal Year

This Resource Plan also describes the District's strategy for complying with Washington State energy policies, as discussed in the following sections:

- **Section 6 – Energy Independence Act** describes District's commitment to energy conservation as a resource and the District's strategy to purchase unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to comply with the 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) through calendar year 2029.
- **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act** describes the District's current ~95% clean energy position and the plan to meet the 2030 greenhouse gas neutral standard by using unbundled RECs to cover its 5% need, while also satisfying its RPS requirement.

2. Resource Plan Overview

Washington State Law

The District prepares a resource plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280. As described within RCW 19.280.010, *"It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity. To achieve this end, the legislature finds it essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers' electricity needs in both the short term and the long term."*

Resource Plan Types

There are two types of resource plans defined by RCW 19.280.020, as described below:

1. **Integrated Resource Plan** *means an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1).*
    - Required by utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not Full Requirements Customers.
    - An updated Integrated Resource Plan must be developed at least every four years and progress reports reflecting changing conditions and the progress of the Integrated Resource Plan must be produced, at a minimum, every two years.
2. **Resource Plan** *means an assessment that estimates electricity loads and resources over a defined period of time and complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5).*
    - Required by all other utilities, unless voluntarily electing to develop a full Integrated Resource Plan.
    - Resource Plans must be updated, at a minimum, on intervals of two years.

Effective October 1, 2023, the District became a Full Requirements Customer, as defined by RCW 19.280.020—*meaning an electric utility that relies on BPA for all power needed to supply its total load requirement other than that served by non-dispatchable generating resources totaling no more than six megawatts or renewable resources*. As a Full Requirements Customer, the District has elected to prepare a Resource Plan. Copies of previous resource plans and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Resource Plan" webpage.[1]

Requirements

Resource Plans must comply with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5)—per the Resource Plan definition. Refer to **Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements** for the list of applicable requirements and the sections of this Resource Plan that address each requirement. The Department of Commerce[2] requires utilities to submit a common resource plan cover sheet by September 1, as attached in **Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet**.

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[1] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Resource_Plan

[2] Commerce resource plans - https://www.commerce.wa.gov/energy-policy/electricity-policy/utility-resource-plans/

3. Load

Load Forecast

The District's wholesale load forecast,[3] reported as annual average demand (aMW) and annual peak demand (MW), is shown below in **Figure 3-1**. The load forecast's 10-year annual average demand growth from 2026 to 2036 is only 0.21%. This is the same forecast as described by the 2026 Load Forecast approved in May 2026.[4]

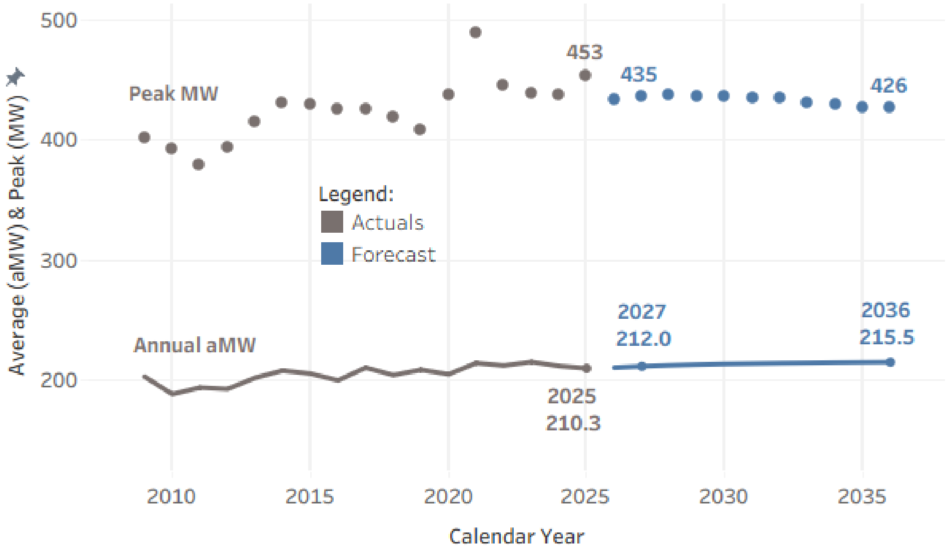

Figure 3-1 – Forecast of annual wholesale load

Conservation

The load forecast includes 11.0 aMW of cumulative conservation over the forecast period, as shown below in **Figure 3-2**, in context of retail load.[2] The conservation is comprised of 5.8 aMW of residential and 5.2 aMW of non-residential conservation, consistent with the District's most recent Conservation Potential Assessment, as referenced within the **Energy Conservation** subsection of **Section 6 - Energy Independence Act**.

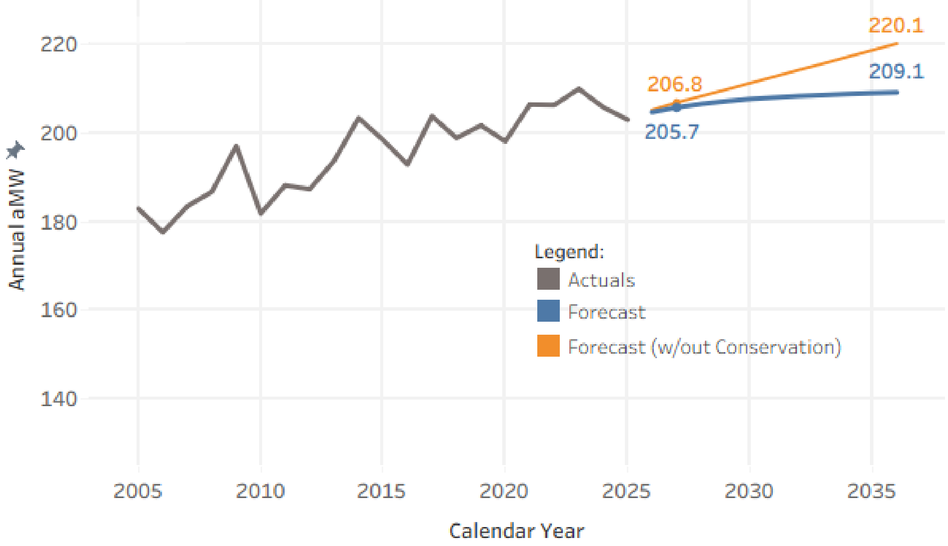

Figure 3-2 – Forecast of annual retail load

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[3] "Wholesale" load refers to the total power supply need, including District system losses. "Retail" load excludes losses.

[4] 2026 Load Forecast – Resolution No. 2726, 5/26/2026

Demand Response

The District prepares a Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) every two years to support the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requirement to assess the amount of demand response resources that are cost-effective, reliable, and feasible for meeting the CETA standards. Copies of previous DRPA's and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Demand Response" webpage.[5] Currently, Benton PUD has not found demand response to be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. The District's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) for 2026-2029[6] specified a target of 0 MW, same as the 2022-2025 CEIP, which remains sufficient for the District's obligation in meeting the CETA standards.

On October 11, 2022, at a Commission strategic planning session, District staff presented the status of demand response program development and recommended that the District evaluate new drivers of demand response after its conversion to BPA's load following contract and to wait for BPA's Post-2028 rate design before developing its demand response strategy.[7] As also recommended, the District has implemented rate-based demand charges, including time-of-day demand for residential customers, and voltage optimization for energy efficiency.

In 2026, the District added a Strategic Plan action item to develop a demand response program pilot to further explore if demand response may be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. Developing a pilot is in response to concerns about regional resource adequacy and the increasing risk of an energy or transmission emergency as well as the expectation of increasing BPA demand and capacity charges that will go into effect on October 1, 2028, for the Provider of Choice contract, per BPA's published Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM).[8]

Electrification

Per RCW 19.280.030(5)(e), Resource Plans need to account for:

- i) modeled load forecast scenarios of zero emissions vehicles,
- ii) relevant information in electrification of transportation plans, and
- iii) assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts.

The RCW allows, but does require, utilities to use the forecasts generated by the Department of Transportation's mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. The District is not currently utilizing the tool.

Load forecast scenarios and use cases related to electric vehicle growth and natural gas to electric conversions were analyzed in the 2022 Load Forecast[9] and remain representative for consideration by this Resource Plan. The 2022 analysis included low/high growth scenarios for both electric vehicles and natural gas to electric conversions. The resulting cumulative load addition by calendar year 2036 is summarized below in **Table 3-1**.

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[5] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Demand_Response

[6] 2026-2029 CEIP – Resolution No. 2710, 10/28/2025 (PDF Page 7, Demand Response)

[7] 2022 Commission Strategic Session - Demand Response Presentation, 10/11/2022

[8] https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/rate-and-tariff-proceedings/public-rate-design-methodology-2029

[9] 2022 Load Forecast - Resolution No. 2600, 4/26/2022

Table 3-1 – 2022 Load Forecast electrification scenarios

	Added by Calendar Year 2036	
Load Growth Type	**Lower Scenario**	**Higher Scenario**
Benton County electric vehicle count	6,866	22,031
Electric vehicle load (aMW)	2.4	8.1
Natural gas to electric load (aMW)	5.6	9.9
Total (aMW)	**8.0**	**18.0**

The 2026 Load Forecast considered the District's adopted Electrification of Transportation Plan.[10] The adopted plan allows the District to offer incentives/rebates, advertise, and promote the adoption of electric vehicles. After adoption, the District began offering a $250 rebate to customers who purchase or lease a new electric vehicle. Since adoption, the District has provided a total of 102 rebates through 2025.

This Resource Plan accounts for electrification by acknowledging that under all load growth scenarios, the District's resource strategy remains the same—to serve the incremental load growth using BPA's load following contract combined with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power, as described in **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

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[10] Electrification of Transportation Plan – Resolution No. 2521, 11/12/2019 (pdf pages 165-184)

4. Existing Resources

Non-BPA Resources

The District has long term power contracts with three non-BPA generating resources as listed below in **Table 4-1**. Effective October 1, 2023, only Packwood is dedicated to serving load and the wind power is being re-sold, however, the wind Renewable Energy Credits are being retained by the District to meet its Washington renewable target.

Table 4-1 – Existing non-BPA Resource Contracts

Resource	Contract #	Capacity (MW)	Annual Energy (aMW)	Contract End Date
Packwood Hydroelectric	11-51-14	3.7	0.919[11]	Ongoing
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase I	01-51-13	3	1	7/1/2030
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase III	01-51-13	6	2	7/1/2030
White Creek Wind - LL&P	07-45-04	3	1	~~1/1/2028~~11/21/2027
White Creek Wind - WCWI	08-51-19	6	2	11/21/2027

BPA Power Sales Agreement

Most of the District's power supply continues to be supplied through a long-term Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreement with BPA (Contract #11-51-01). Effective October 1, 2023, with BPA's consent, the District switched its block/slice agreement to a load following product for the remainder of its contract term (through September 30, 2028). Additional details regarding the switch to load following are discussed below in the **Resource Adequacy** subsection of **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

Under all BPA contract types, the amount of power that BPA's preference customers may purchase under BPA's lowest cost rate is limited to an amount equal to the generating output of the current Federal System, with some limited amounts of augmentation ("Tier 1" power). Any incremental purchases by preference customers from BPA above this base amount of power are sold at a higher rate reflecting the incremental cost to BPA of obtaining additional power ("Tier 2" power). BPA has established for each preference customer a contractually defined level of access to power available at BPA's lowest cost preference rate ("Tier 1" rates). BPA refers to a customer's Tier 1 amount as their Contract High-Water Mark (CHWM) or Rate Period High-Water Mark (RHWM). This Tier 1 amount is based on the customer's net requirement load for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2010, with adjustments possible each rate period, typically due to Federal System changes or from utility annexation (e.g. City of Richland annexation of District load).

Beginning October 1, 2023, the District has elected to serve its net requirement above its Tier 1 allocation (a.k.a. Above-CHWM load) with Tier 2 through the remainder of the contract. The District's Tier 1 RHWM is currently set at 202.081 aMW for fiscal years 2026-2028.

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[11] Packwood is 0.919 aMW under critical water (per Exhibit A of BPA contract). Assume 1.26 aMW under median water.

BPA Transmission

BPA requires that transmission services be purchased separately. BPA’s Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) delineates the terms and conditions of providing and taking transmission service. The District has executed BPA’s Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Agreement (Contract #22-51-02) for long-term firm transmission service from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2031. The District previously had a Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Agreement that began in May 1997, but it was converted to NITS service effective October 1, 2023, in conjunction with the switch to load following.[12]

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[12] The District retains a 1 MW PTP contract (#02-51-22) for transmission service that was not eligible for conversion to NT.

5. Resource Strategy

Resource Adequacy

Resource adequacy is the term used to describe an electricity system's ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year. The District remains concerned about deteriorating regional resource adequacy, resulting in part from Washington and other western state energy policies. This concern was well described in **Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523**, "*In Support of Actions to Ensure Electric Sector Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest",* passed in November 2019. Similar concerns were emphasized in the District's November 2021 letter to BPA, **Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter**, requesting the option to convert from slice/block to load following. As the District considers its future resource choices, resource adequacy will continue to be a key driver of the District's strategy.

The District's October 1, 2023, conversion from slice/block to load following has been successful at cost-effectively ensuring the District has access to dispatchable energy and capacity to responsibly cover its seasonal energy and capacity deficits. Under the load following contract, BPA is obligated to meet the District's net requirement load. The change has eliminated the District's direct participation in power markets as a buyer and seller and is expected to reduce power supply price risk and the risk of not having adequate physical generation to meet demand.

The conversion to load following has mitigated the District's near-term resource adequacy risk, however, it has also transferred additional risk to BPA, which means the District must remain committed to tracking BPA's resource adequacy and regional issues that may impact BPA. The District's resource adequacy monitoring includes, but is not limited to, tracking the studies listed below in **Table 5-1**.

Table 5-1 – Regional resource adequacy studies

#	Entity	Study Name / Website Link	Frequency	Study Vintage
1	Bonneville Power Administration	Resource Program	Every 2 years	Feb. 2025
2	Northwest electric utilities	Integrated Resource Plans	Every 2 years	Varies
3	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy	Annual	Jan. 2026
4	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Pacific Northwest Power Supply Adequacy Assessment	Annual	Aug. 2024
5	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Northwest Power Plan	Every 5 Years	Mar. 2022 (2021 Plan)
6	Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee	Northwest Regional Forecast	Annual	Apr. 2026
7	Energy + Environmental Economics	Resource Adequacy and the Energy Transition in the Pacific Northwest	Adhoc	Apr. 2026

The District's current assessment of these studies is that there continues to be concern about regional resource adequacy. Being a load following customer of BPA, the District is fortunate to have its resource adequacy needs met entirely by BPA, however, the District is closely following how BPA may rely on market purchases until procuring additional resources, if needed, to meet its long-term obligations under the Provider of Choice contracts.

Traditionally, BPA completes the Resource Program on a two-year cycle. BPA published the 2024 Resource Program in February 2025. BPA has extended the timeline for the next Resource Program, with delivery expected in December 2027. That timeline ensures the Resource Program's needs assessment reflects forecasted firm load obligations by sequencing it after customers' Provider of Choice contract long-term above-CHWM service elections, which are expected to be finalized this summer. BPA's final needs assessment will not be available until February 2027, however, as of April 2026, BPA is indicating it will prepare a preliminary needs assessment following the customer above-CHWM elections and may consider commercial acquisition shortly thereafter, if triggered by a demonstrated need.[13]

The District is also monitoring the emergence of regional resource adequacy programs and power markets:

- On December 16, 2022, BPA issued its final decision letter to continue participation in the Western Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and electing Winter 2027-2028 as its first binding season.[14] As a participant in the WRAP, BPA would take on the role of Load Responsible Entity for all load following customers and would be contractually bound to meet its firm power contractual obligations regardless of any obligations under WRAP. WRAP would provide BPA with a last backstop for the capacity to serve its firm power contractual obligations if BPA were to be deficit and could find no other bilateral counterparties. Additional information about WRAP is available on the Western Power Pool's website[15], including an Energy GPS, LLC *Special Report: Western Resource Adequacy Program Primer*.[16]
- On May 9, 2025, BPA issued its Day-Ahead Market Policy, which established BPA's intent to pursue participation in Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ day-ahead market. On March 12, 2026, BPA announced it was moving forward with implementation and proposing joining Markets+ in October 2028. [17]

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[13] BPA Provider of Choice Presentation - 4/20/2026
[14] https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/western-resource-adequacy-program
[15] https://www.westernpowerpool.org/about/programs/western-resource-adequacy-program
[16] https://www.westernpowerpool.org/news/energy-gps-issues-special-report-on-wrap
[17] https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/day-ahead-market

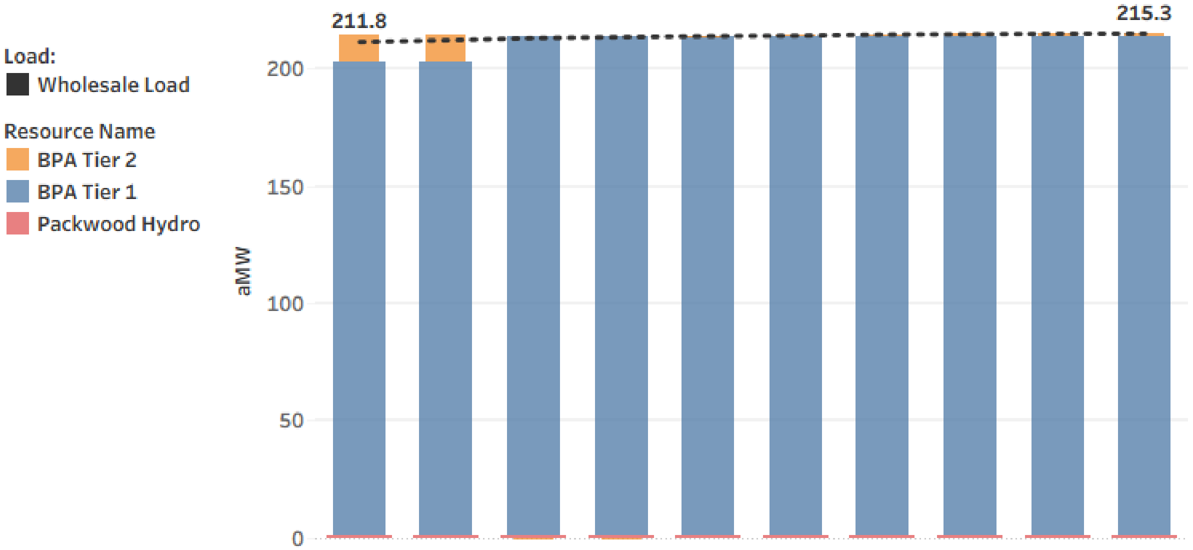
Resource Plan

This Resource Plan is consistent with the following strategic goal in the District's published Strategic Plan[18]:

- **ENSURE A RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE & LEAST-COST POWER SUPPLY**
  Balance environmental and economic tradeoffs and risks to achieve a power supply portfolio which helps ensure the health, safety and well-being of our customers.

The District's 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 5-1.**

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District's BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA's load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA's Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA's 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District's strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA's load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power. Additional details about BPA Provider of Choice contract assumptions are provided in the next section.



	BP-26		BP-29		BP-31		BP-33		BP-35	
Resource Name	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPA Tier 2	11.6	11.7	-0.5	-0.1	0.3	0.5	1.0	1.1	1.3	1.4
BPA Tier 1	202.1	202.1	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0	213.0
Packwood Hydro	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Resource Total (aMW)	214.6	214.7	213.4	213.8	214.2	214.4	214.9	215.1	215.3	215.3
2026 Load Forecast (aMW)	**211.8**	**212.5**	**213.4**	**213.8**	**214.2**	**214.4**	**214.9**	**215.1**	**215.3**	**215.3**
Net Position (aMW)	2.8	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Figure 5-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Rate Case and Fiscal Year

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[18] https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/strategic-planning

BPA Provider of Choice Contract

BPA's Provider of Choice process refers to the development of BPA's Post-2028 contracts, committing to 16-years of service from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2044. On October 14, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2709, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Provider of Choice, Load Following Power Sales Agreement (Contract #25-51-02) with BPA.[19] Furthermore, Resolution No. 2709 authorized the General Manager and/or his designees to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the Agreement.

This Resource Plan makes certain assumptions—enumerated below—about the District's Post-2028 contract, however, these assumptions are subject to change. The District will continue evaluating its Post-2028 contract options as additional contract and rate information becomes available.

1. This Resource Plan reflects the Districts choice of the load following product.
    a. The District will have a one-time product switch option during the contract. A minimum of three years notice would apply, with the product switch being effective at the start of the next rate period.
2. This Resource Plan uses a CHWM of 213.007 aMW.
    a. BPA published the final Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) model on May 28, 2026.
    b. The District's CHWM increased from its Regional Dialogue contract because the model includes a positive proportional share adjustment due to BPA's system size increasing to a fixed amount of 7,250 aMW and positive adjustments for customer load growth and conservation achievements through 2023, both of which are favorable for the District.
    c. The District's CHWM amount will be fixed for the contract life, unlike the current contract where the amount is subject to change every rate period.
3. This Resource Plan assumes election of the long-term Tier 2 path to serve above CHWM load.
    a. Within 60 days of the final CHWMs being published—by July 27, 2026—customers must elect an option for serving their above CHWM load.
    b. The above CHWM load service options are either electing, 1) BPA's long-term Tier 2 path, 2) the "flexible" above CHWM path, or 3) a combination of the two paths. The "flexible path" is where the customer is responsible for serving their above CHWM load with a combination of the customer's non-federal resources, BPA's short-term Tier 2, or BPA's Tier 2 Vintage rate.
    c. For customers that initially elect any amount of BPA long-term Tier 2, BPA is proposing a one-time option to change (cap, or reduce) their long-term Tier 2 election amount, subject to a change fee and change charge. A minimum of three years notice would apply with the change to be effective at the start of the next rate period.
    d. On March 24, 2026, Staff presented to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and recommended electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.[20,21]

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[19] Resolution No. 2709, 10/14/2025 Commission Packet (pdf pages 94-229)
[20] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Packet (pdf pages 120-128)
[21] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Presentation

~~d.~~e. On June 23, 2026, Staff presented further details to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and continued to recommend electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.[22,23]

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[22] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 6/23/2026 Commission Packet (pdf pages 59-62)

[23] Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 6/23/2026 Commission Presentation

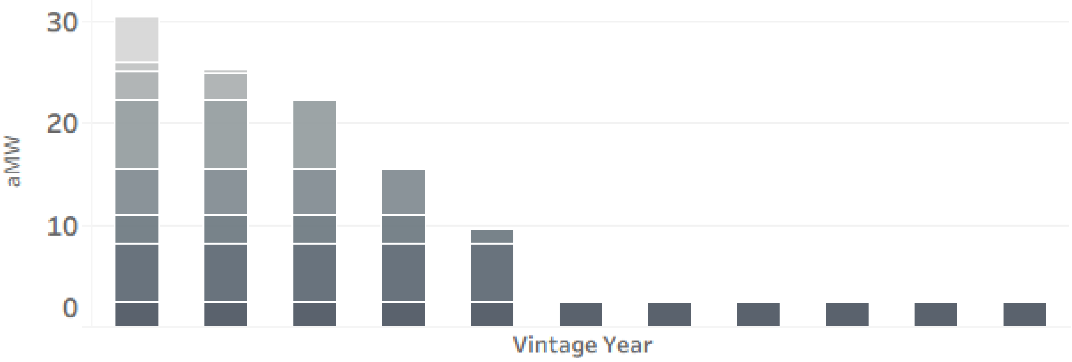
6. Energy Independence Act

Energy Conservation

Washington’s Energy Independence Act (EIA or I-937), RCW 19.285, requires the District to pursue all cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation resources and to meet conservation targets set using a utility-specific conservation potential assessment methodology. The District’s most recent CPA[24] was an input to the 2026 Load Forecast.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

The District is required to comply with EIA’s 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement.[25] Historically, the District has annually retired Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with its long-term power supply contracts for the White Creek and Nine Canyon wind projects, BPA wind and incremental hydro allocations, other qualifying REC contracts, and additional quantities from REC market purchases when needed. The District plans to continue using REC purchases to meet its 15% RPS requirement. The District’s existing REC contracts and their forecasted REC amounts are shown below in **Table 6-1**.



REC Contract Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Caely 2026	4.6										
BPA Wind	0.9	0.5									
White Creek	2.7	2.5									
3Degrees	6.8	6.8	6.8								
RPS Associates	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6							
Nine Canyon	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.3						
3Degrees 2026-2030	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7						
BPA Incremental Hydro	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Contract Total aMW	30.5	25.3	22.3	15.5	9.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

Figure 6-1 – Existing REC Contracts by Vintage Year

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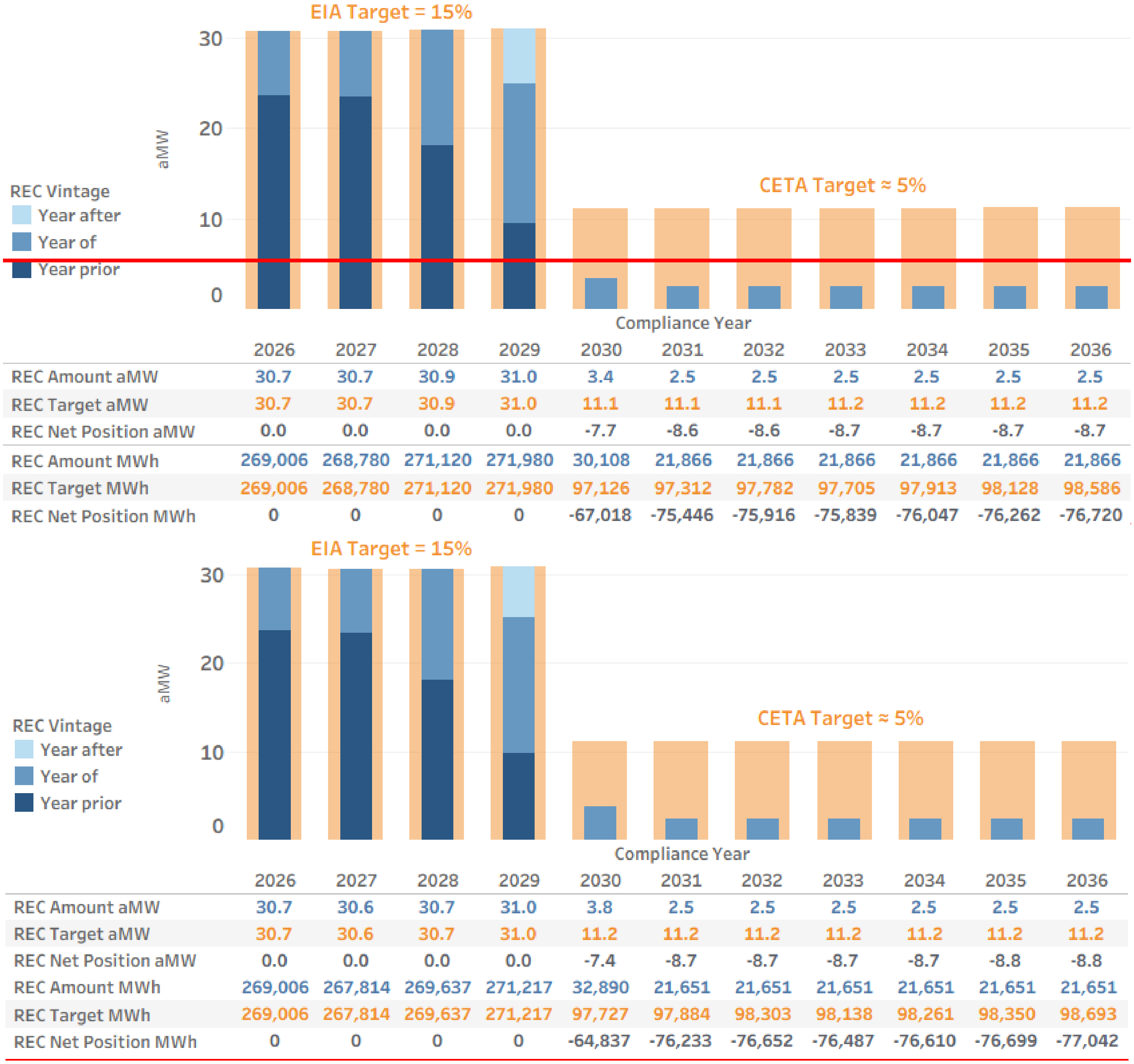
[24] 2025 Conservation Potential Assessment – Resolution No. 2700, 8/12/2025

[25] 15% of the average of the previous two years annual retail load.

While the table above shows the REC contracts and the total amount of RECs forecasted by their vintage year, it does not represent the actual number of RECs that are available for retirement in any given compliance year. This is because EIA allows RECs that are retired for a given compliance year to originate from vintage years that are the same year as the compliance year, or the previous year, or the next year.

The District's plan for acquiring and retiring, across multiple years, the unbundled RECs necessary to meet is 15% RPS requirement is further complicated—for the better—by the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which will result in a step-change reduction in the District's RPS target (from 15% to about 5%), starting January 1, 2030, whereas the District is able to satisfy its EIA RPS requirement by complying with the CETA GHG neutral standard, as further described below in **Section 7** - **Clean Energy Transformation Act**.

Figure 6-1 below represents the District's REC target, REC contract amounts, and the REC net position by compliance year—after factoring in the REC vintage year retirement options and the CETA changes. The graph highlights the District's need to acquire additional RECs starting in compliance year 2030. The actual REC procurement strategy (number of contracts, contract amount, contract length, etc.) is outside the scope of this resource plan. Preliminarily, the District should consider a new REC contract for about 75,000 RECs starting in 2030. These recommendations are subject to change after further analysis.



	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
REC Amount aMW	30.7	30.7	30.9	31.0	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Target aMW	30.7	30.7	30.9	31.0	11.1	11.1	11.1	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
REC Net Position aMW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.7	-8.6	-8.6	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7
REC Amount MWh	269,006	268,780	271,120	271,980	30,108	21,866	21,866	21,866	21,866	21,866	21,866
REC Target MWh	269,006	268,780	271,120	271,980	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
REC Net Position MWh	0	0	0	0	-67,018	-75,446	-75,916	-75,839	-76,047	-76,262	-76,720

	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
REC Amount aMW	30.7	30.6	30.7	31.0	3.8	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Target aMW	30.7	30.6	30.7	31.0	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2	11.2
REC Net Position aMW	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.4	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.7	-8.8	-8.8
REC Amount MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	32,890	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651	21,651
REC Target MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
REC Net Position MWh	0	0	0	0	-64,837	-76,233	-76,652	-76,487	-76,610	-76,699	-77,042

Figure 6-1 – REC Net Position by Compliance Year and Vintage

7. Clean Energy Transformation Act

Washington's resource planning RCW 19.280.030(5)(d) requires the District to identity *"how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050"*. The District's implementation plan for these two CETA requirements are described below:

GHG Neutral Standard

The GHG neutral standard (RCW 19.405.040) says, *"(1) It is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030…"*.

1. The District's existing and proposed resource strategy of conservation, Packwood hydroelectric and BPA's load following contract results in the District's power supply already being about 95% clean.
    a. Given nearly all the District's power supply is from BPA, the District's percentage of clean resources is about the same as BPA's, which has historically been about 95% clean (85% hydro, 11% nuclear, 4% non-clean), based on the median BPA's fuel mix data for 2016-2023.[26]
    b. The District assumes BPA's clean energy mix will remain near 95% through the 10-year period of this plan (through 2036), including through the remainder its existing BPA contract and into BPA's Post-2028 contract that begins October 1, 2028.
2. For the remaining 5% of non-clean energy, the District plans to procure unbundled RECs, which is an allowable alternative compliance option (up to a maximum of 20%) to meet the GHG neutral standard.
    a. From present through 2029, the District expects to easily exceed the GHG neutral standard given the District's 15% EIA RPS target versus a need of only 5% for the GHG neutral standard.
    b. Beginning January 1, 2030, and for each multiyear compliance period thereafter, through December 31, 2044, the District intends to continue using unbundled renewable energy credits to meet its approximately 5% non-clean energy need, thereby meeting both the compliance obligations of the GHG neutral standard and the EIA RPS.
3. See **Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast** for the supporting data of the GHG neutral standard REC target.

100% Clean Standard

The 100% clean standard (RCW 19.405.050) says, "*(1) It is the policy of the state that nonemitting electric generation and electricity from renewable resources supply one hundred percent of all sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers by January 1, 2045…"*.

Currently the 100% clean standard, beginning in 2045, is 19 years into the future and is 9-years beyond the time horizon of this 10-year resource plan, ending in 2036. The District is well positioned currently; however, it is also recognized that the upper limit of the District's percentage clean energy is limited to BPA's progress at improving its fuel mix—absent replacing BPA with other resources. The District will be monitoring the changes in BPA's fuel mix over the next several years, including how their mix changes because of participation in emerging western markets.

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[26] https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/power/hydropower-impact

The District will continue to advocate for the benefits of non-emitting nuclear energy and the need for BPA and other utilities to consider nuclear in their resource planning for its long-term benefits for emissions reduction, energy security, transmission availability, reliability, and economic development.

Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Washington Administrative Code 194-40-050 says the following about developing a Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), "*Each utility must submit by January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, a CEIP for resources to be acquired and other actions to be undertaken during the next interim performance period or GHG neutral compliance period to comply with the* ***GHG neutral standard*** *and the* ***100% electricity clean standard****…".*

CETA requires the District to prepare a 4-year CEIP that is consistent with its Resource Plan. The 2024 Resource Plan was referenced by the District's most recent CEIP, approved in October 2025, for the period 2026-2029.[27]

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[27] 2026-2029 CEIP — Resolution No. 2710, October 28, 2025

Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements

Requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5)	**District Comments:**
(5) All other utilities may elect to develop a full integrated resource plan as set forth in subsection (1) of this section or, at a minimum, shall develop a resource plan that:	The District shall develop a Resource Plan that meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5), as described below:
(a) Estimates loads for the next five and 10 years;	See **Section 3 – Load**.
(b) Enumerates the resources that will be maintained and/or acquired to serve those loads;	See **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and **Section 5 - Resource Strategy**.
(c) Explains why the resources in (b) of this subsection were chosen and, if the resources chosen are not: (i) Renewable resources; (ii) methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including addressing any overgeneration event; or (iii) conservation and efficiency resources, why such a decision was made;	
(d) By December 31, 2020, and in every resource plan thereafter, identifies how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050; and	See **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act**.
(e) Accounts for: *(i) Modeled load forecast scenarios that consider the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a utility's service area, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;*	See the **Electrification** subsection of **Section 3 – Load**.
(ii) Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions, and any other relevant information found in the electrification of transportation plans submitted under RCW 35.92.450, 54.16.430, and 80.28.365; and	
(iii) Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts. Electric utilities may, but are not required to, use the forecasts generated by the mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. This subsection (5)(e)(iii) applies only to plans due to be filed after September 1, 2023.	
Requirements of RCW 19.280.050(1)	**District Comments:**
The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports after it has provided public notice and hearing.	The District held three public hearings and also accepted public input via its Resource Plan development webpage.[28] See **Appendix C – Public Comment Log** for a list of comments received.

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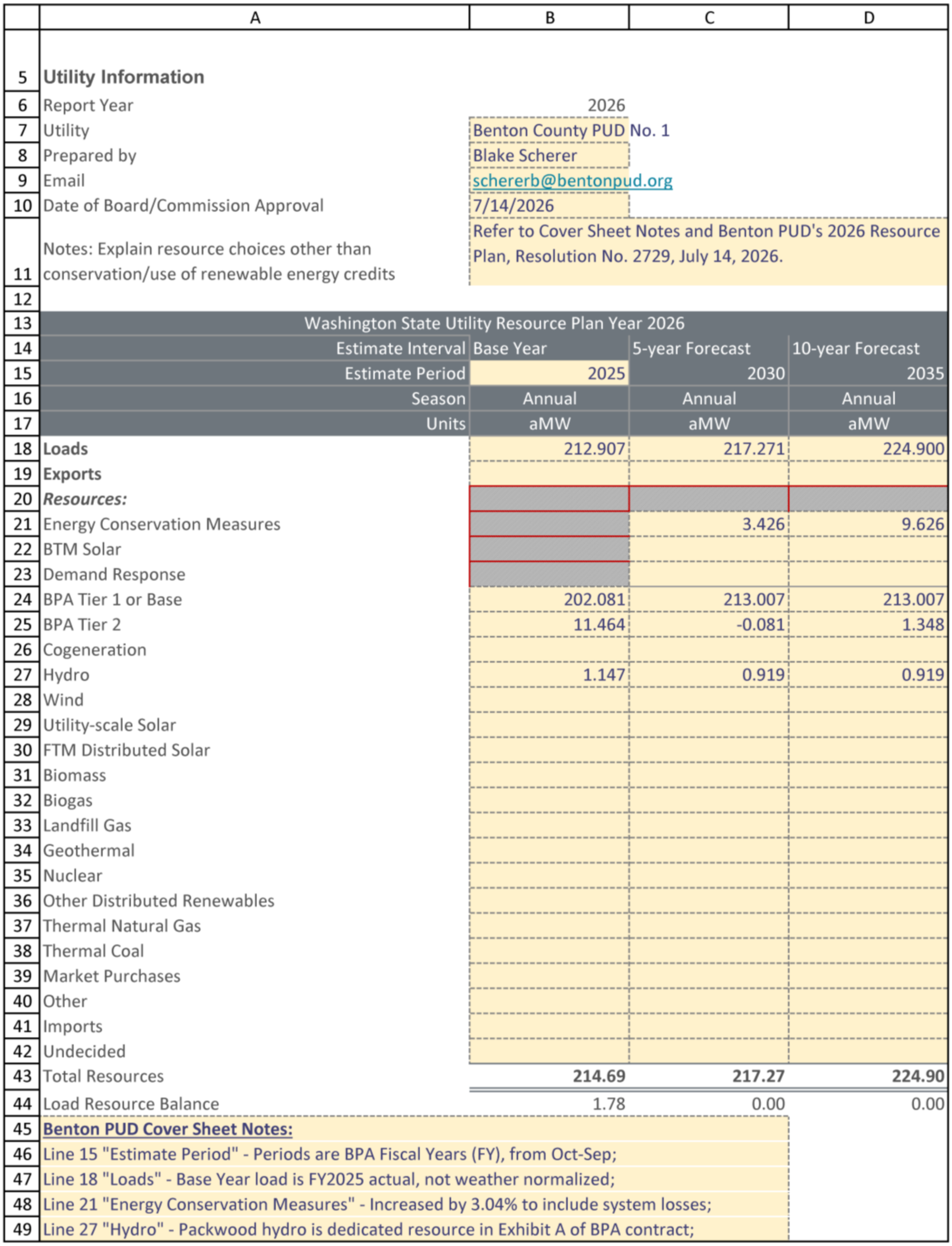
[28] Resource Plan development webpage: https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan

Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet



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5	**Utility Information**			
6	Report Year	2026		
7	Utility	Benton County PUD No. 1		
8	Prepared by	Blake Scherer		
9	Email	schererb@bentonpud.org		
10	Date of Board/Commission Approval	7/14/2026		
11	Notes: Explain resource choices other than conservation/use of renewable energy credits	Refer to Cover Sheet Notes and Benton PUD's 2026 Resource Plan, Resolution No. 2729, July 14, 2026.		
12				
13	Washington State Utility Resource Plan Year 2026			
14	Estimate Interval	Base Year	5-year Forecast	10-year Forecast
15	Estimate Period	2025	2030	2035
16	Season	Annual	Annual	Annual
17	Units	aMW	aMW	aMW
18	**Loads**	212.907	217.271	224.900
19	**Exports**			
20	***Resources:***			
21	Energy Conservation Measures		3.426	9.626
22	BTM Solar			
23	Demand Response			
24	BPA Tier 1 or Base	202.081	213.007	213.007
25	BPA Tier 2	11.464	-0.081	1.348
26	Cogeneration			
27	Hydro	1.147	0.919	0.919
28	Wind			
29	Utility-scale Solar			
30	FTM Distributed Solar			
31	Biomass			
32	Biogas			
33	Landfill Gas			
34	Geothermal			
35	Nuclear			
36	Other Distributed Renewables			
37	Thermal Natural Gas			
38	Thermal Coal			
39	Market Purchases			
40	Other			
41	Imports			
42	Undecided			
43	Total Resources	**214.69**	**217.27**	**224.90**
44	Load Resource Balance	1.78	0.00	0.00
45	**Benton PUD Cover Sheet Notes:**			
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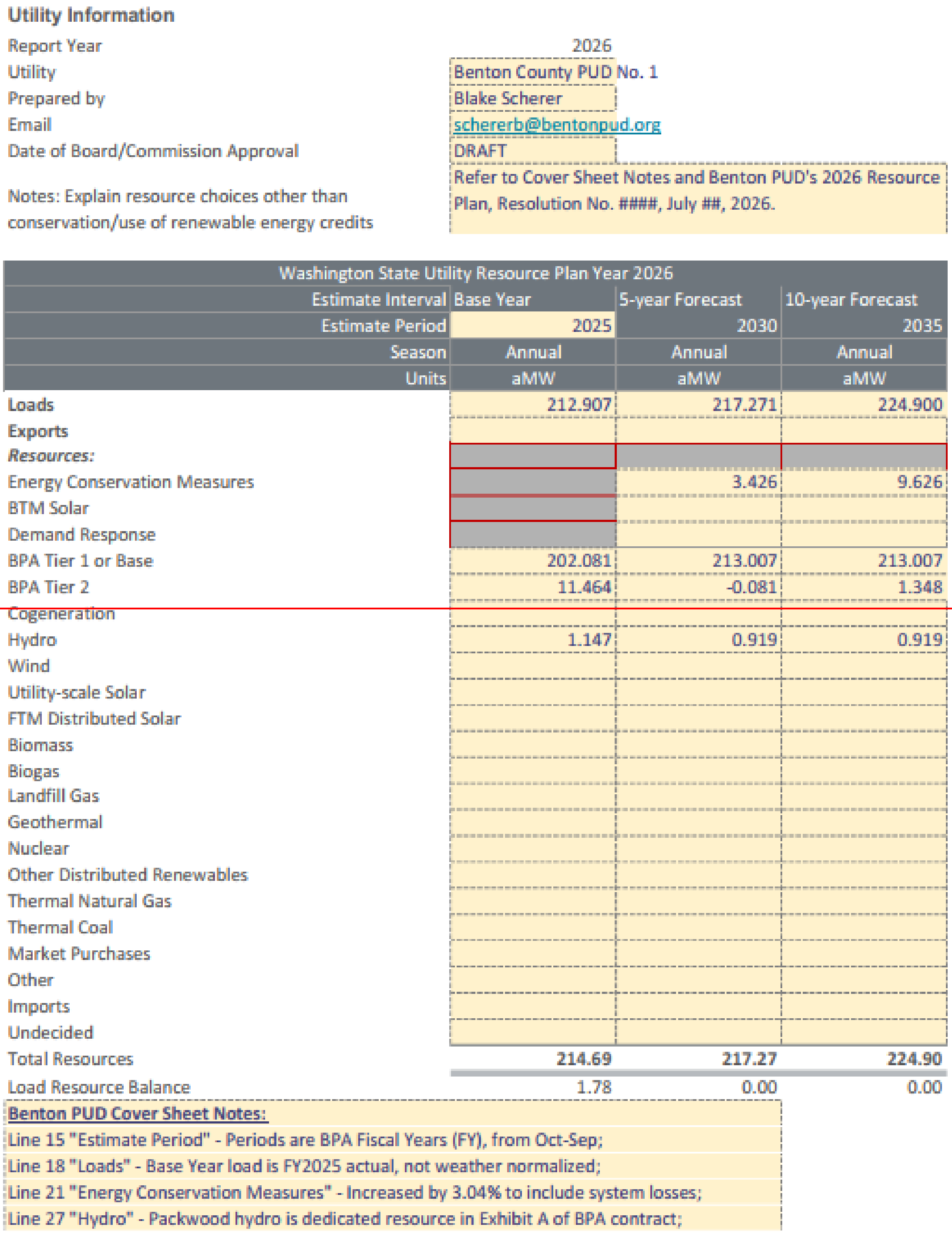

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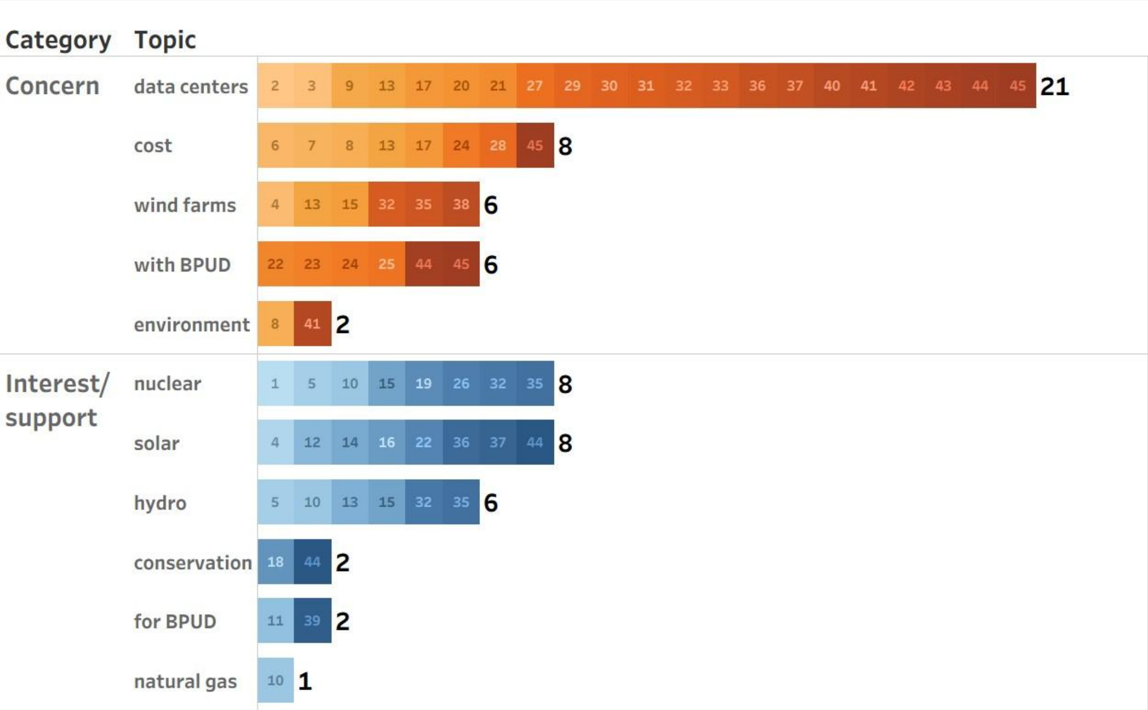
Appendix C – Public Comment ~~Log~~

Public Comments by Topic



Category	Topic		
Concern	data centers	2 3 9 13 17 20 21 27 29 30 31 32 33 36 37 40 41 42 43 44 45	21
	cost	6 7 8 13 17 24 28 45	8
	wind farms	4 13 15 32 35 38	6
	with BPUD	22 23 24 25 44 45	6
	environment	8 41	2
Interest/ support	nuclear	1 5 10 15 19 26 32 35	8
	solar	4 12 14 16 22 36 37 44	8
	hydro	5 10 13 15 32 35	6
	conservation	18 44	2
	for BPUD	11 39	2
	natural gas	10	1

Count derived from

45 unique comments (by ID#) **through 6/26/2026**, some addressing multiple topics.

See Appendix C –

Public Comment Log

Public Comment Log

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14	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Basalat Raja	Part of the power is lost as Benton PUD transmits electricity to get the homes. Solar panels are cheaper than ever and windmill improvement research and improvement is continually on-going. PUD should consider the possbiility of reverse-bids - in our area, homeowners own massive, unused land. Let them offer to rent this land for PUD to put panels on it to power their and their neighbors' homes. The installations should be fully owned by PUD, just placed on rented land that is selected on the basis of lowest rent and most efficient placement. PUD will save a lot of money by reducing wasted transmission.
15	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Linda Parish	Please focus on clean, renewable energy sources; i.e. hydro and nuclear. I'm not a fan of wind turbines (bird killers and eye pollution) and profit only the landowner where the turbine is sited. Thank you.
16	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Deanna Richardson	I want more projects leaning towards solar energy. Many people can't get solar do to cost as well as living in apartments, what is PUD doing to encourage and help this?

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17	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Sydney Schmitt	My only concern is the price doubling in the next few years with everything else going up but my main concern is if our electricity is ever supplied to a data center, please do not force the cost onto current and future residential customers. It is extremely unethical and just flat out not okay. My family has lived in Kennewick for generations and I don't want to see electricity become unaffordable. Thank you.
18	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	Leanne M Selix	Since families with children are the PUDs largest users, I believe a greater effort on educating the young on energy conservation would benefit parents and our environment !
19	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	LEONARD HARVILLE	Please consider adding SMR's (Small Modualar Reactors) at the Energy Northwest sight in Richland, WA.
20	Webpage	05/16/2026	Kennewick	David Weber	Two data centers are planned to be built in Benton County and one near Walla Walla. Trammell Crow Lewis & Clark Ranch Data Center, Atlas Agro Data Center Campus, and AWS Wallula Gap Data Center Campus. I expect full, detailed reports on how each of these will use utilities, specifically the amount of gigawatts they will consume and how much will be provided by Benton Pub. Further, I expect a detailed report on whether and how the cost of developing infrastructure may be passed on to residents that use Benton Pub to keep our lights on.
21	Webpage	05/20/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	The ONE thing that will destroy this community it a data center. DO NOT E EN ALLOW one meeting with buying tech. DATA centers have proven to destroy communuties
21B					Received duplicate message of #21
22	Webpage	05/25/2026	Kennewick	Jon Fager	I am disappointed that the public hearing meetings are at 9 a.m. when most employed people with an interest in attending need to be at work. I have attended the evening presentations that Benton PUD hosts annually. I appreciate the preparation and presentations. Over the past couple of years, the primary presenter has painted a very negative picture of wind and solar power. I would like to see Benton PUD find ways to increase its use of solar and wind power as part of a wide ranging portfolio of energy sources. I would like to see us improve our already strong commitment to clean energy by embracing these technologies rather than denigrating them.

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23	Webpage	05/31/2026	Kennewick	Lisa Peppard	I care about fiscal responsibility of the PUD, keeping costs as low as possible to the consumer; environmental stewardship and responsibility; reliability; and keeping partisan politics out of the utility district.
24	Webpage	06/03/2026	Kennewick	Shirley Widener	Well hopefully it would lower our rates 😠 but just noticed that you increased the overage kilowatt that used to be a dollar but now it's. $1.54, now PUD will say that's not a rate increase but when it's more money out of our pocket it's a roundabout rate increase, just a horse of a different color. Why are your current customers being charged for new apartments and homes being built when PUD will be collecting for new construction, even what PUD is now collecting the kilowatt increase billing.we were5 kilowatts over and I suspect most residence the same, that's a Hugh rate increase for PUD already.Then the restriction hours are ridiculous and set up to complement PUD. Your resource plan flyer looks so innocent but just a wolf in sheep's clothing.
25	Webpage	06/05/2026	Prosser	Sheri Wilkins	Please change the grid system so you're not constantly shutting down the grid and we are without electricity. I noticed that Benton REA never does that but PUD does it on a regular basis
26	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Leonard Harville	Consider construction of a SMR (Small Modular Reactor) next to Energy Northwest reactor to add to generation capacity.
27	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	Absolutely NO DATA CENTERS!!
28	Webpage	06/05/2026	Richland	James Kelly	Reliability is my top priority followed by cost. Adding major new industrial users should be at their expense for required new power and distribution lines
29	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Terry Farnsworth	Customers over Data Centers. We should be your first priority; costs shouldn't rise because of a Data Center-they should solve their own power problems. Benton County is growing quickly, it's going to be a challenge to meet the needs of our current customer growth, that needs to take priority.
30	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Angry Citizin	NO DATA CENTERS IN OUR HOME, I WILL NOT PAY EXTRA MONEY AND GIVE MY KIDS DIRTY WATER FOR THE SAKE OF SOME RICH GUYS THAT DON'T EVEN LIVE HERE. YOU BUILD THAT DATA CENTER AND IM BRINGING EVERY DROP OF DIRTY WATER TO THE PUD EVERY SINGLE DAY UNTIL IT'S GONE. YOU CAN'T TAKE OUR WATER AND OUR POWER, WE WON'T LET YOU.

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31	Webpage	06/05/2026	Kennewick	Katelynne Kline	If data centers are put in make them pay for there power usage not the people. If its possible even saying no to data centers
32	Webpage	06/06/2026	Kennewick	Sara Nelson	I’d prefer to not have data centers in our area. They’ve shown that there are higher incidence of stillbirths and cancer near data centers. Protect our dams. Stop adding windmills. Small scale nuclear makes sense.
33	Webpage	06/06/2026	Pasco	Jeanette Fiore	No data centers. Suck all of our resources, pollute water, increase costs, enrich some who get kickbacks from projects, big brother tactics in place, government controls easier, and sneaky of you all to get this in place and I will protest.
34	Webpage	06/06/2026	Bentoncity	Gordon Downey	West Kiona Hights
35	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton city	Teresa Anderson	No windmills or any other fake climate crisis green woke energy sources. Nuclear is the top choice for me. Hydro as well.
36	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton city	Josh Richert	Would love to see some more solar power plans as they would be greatly effective during hot sunny days when everyone is using AC. Do not want to see any extra transmission lines or grid prep for data centers. These atrocities do nothing for our community but makes noise, suck power and water, and drive down property values all while destroying the environment.
37	Webpage	06/06/2026	Benton City	Laura Carpino	I support continued expansion of solar energy to support the energy needs of our community. I do NOT support data centers which will increase energy costs to our community, drain water reserves which will decrease property values, cause noise pollution in our quiet community, and will fail to provide lasting high-paying jobs.
38	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Richard Monlux	No more wind power. When the wind blows not all the towers are running and sometimes towers don't work when the wind is blowing this makes the wind towers unreliable for a power source.

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39	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Steven Gourley	Improve and expand the grid as quickly as possible. Produce power for the grid the cheapest way possible to attract more businesses which will allow more grow.
40	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Tammy Williams	Households should come before big corporations. Do not allow data centers to come in and raise rates and destroy our natural resources, health, community and our children’s futures!
41	Webpage	06/07/2026	Kennewick	Tweeter Pinkham	We should ban the development of any data centers. They are bad for the environment. I also support removal of the dams to restore the rivers and all living things that thrive without them.
42	Webpage	06/08/2026	Benton county	Tammy Slack	After decades of being advised to turn my thermostat down by at least a few degrees to conserve electricity (put a sweater on in your house) and now have a non-transparent push to have your local base of customers pay for a giant AI data center company to wreak economic and environmental distruction to our homes and pocketbooks is beyond reason and should be denied without hesitation. AI data centers should be required to build their own power sources without any effect on the surrounding area. A small nuclear reactor sesms to be the only choice since I've read they drain enough electricity to power large cities. Then of course is the environment contamination they are causing. The water they demand, contamination of that water and release back into the surrounding environment. All on the locals dime. Just say no.
43	Webpage	06/09/2026	West Richland	Molly Brose	My biggest concern is the massive possible implementation of data centers in our area. Washington state has a plane for clean energy and no carbon footprint yet this proposed multiple MASSIVE data centers proposed for the area is the complete opposite. With more comments and concerns coming from other communities about energy and electricity become sucked from them to go to data centers is not a plan for the people and community.

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44	Webpage	06/09/2026	Richland	Tri Citizen	Conservation, conservation, conservation- FIRST! You must stop assuming water will always flow at the rates it has. If the oligarchs manage to steal our democracy don't assume that Canada will kowtow to our bullying. Do not engage with data centers. Build some microgrids with local solar and batteries so if mismanagement of the entire grid happens you can power medical facilities. You could partner with businesses and the city/KSD to install acres of solar parking shades across the Southridge area making it more comfortable for students, park users, hospital workers and patients to return to their cars in summer. Same in Col Ctr/Canal, Vista Fiekd, convention area- rooftop too! Stop making ignorant RACIST and shameful statements against tribes re LSRD breach. It's embarrassing and grotesque. Salmon, the nourishment they provide to >140 forest species, and cultural survival are more important than cheap power. Especially when so much is wasted at night, creating light pollution.
45	Webpage	06/14/2026	Prosser	Brian Hammer	Affordable power is a huge benefit of living here. Please keep it that way. Data centers are terrible, please do anything to avoid it. If any are coming please give us information to attend meetings against it. And outages seem more common than our last area. Consistently would be great. Thos would be my top concerns.

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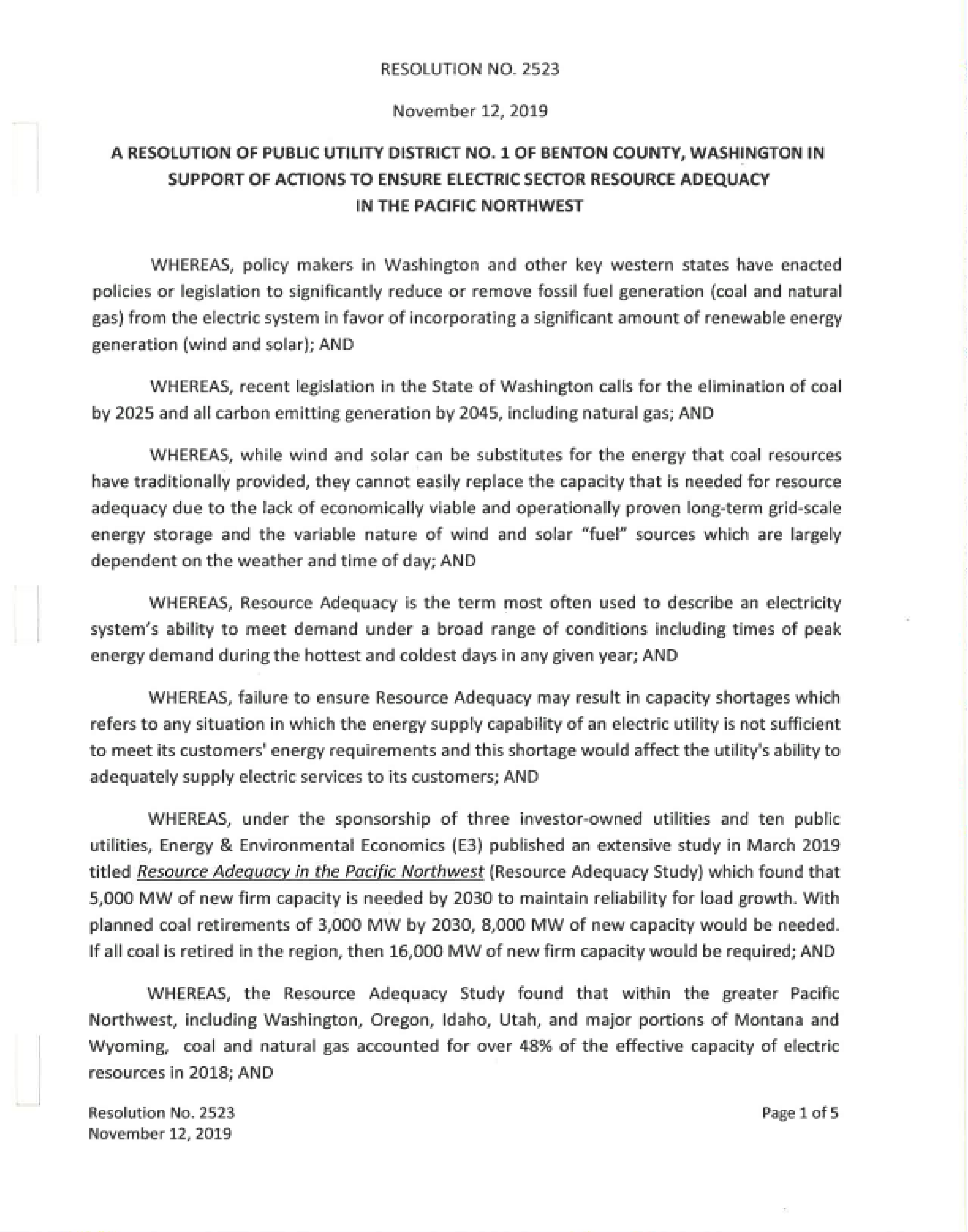
~~**14**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/14/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Basalat Raja~~	~~Part of the power is lost as Benton PUD transmits electricity to get the homes. Solar panels are cheaper than ever and windmill improvement research and improvement is continually on-going. PUD should consider the possbiility of reverse-bids - in our area, homeowners own massive, unused land. Let them offer to rent this land for PUD to put panels on it to power their and their neighbors' homes. The installations should be fully owned by PUD, just placed on rented land that is selected on the basis of lowest rent and most efficient placement. PUD will save a lot of money by reducing wasted transmission.~~
~~**15**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/14/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Linda Parish~~	~~Please focus on clean, renewable energy sources; i.e. hydro and nuclear. I'm not a fan of wind turbines (bird killers and eye pollution) and profit only the landowner where the turbine is sited. Thank you.~~
~~**16**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/14/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Deanna Richardson~~	~~I want more projects leaning towards solar energy. Many people can't get solar do to cost as well as living in apartments, what is PUD doing to encourage and help this?~~
~~**17**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/14/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Sydney Schmitt~~	~~My only concern is the price doubling in the next few years with everything else going up but my main concern is if our electricity is ever supplied to a data center, please do not force the cost onto current and future residential customers. It is extremely unethical and just flat out not okay. My family has lived in Kennewick for generations and I don't want to see electricity become unaffordable. Thank you.~~
~~**18**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/15/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Leanne M Selix~~	~~Since families with children are the PUDs largest users, I believe a greater effort on educating the young on energy conservation would benefit parents and our environment !~~
~~**19**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/15/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~LEONARD HARVILLE~~	~~Please consider adding SMR's (Small Modualar Reactors) at the Energy Northwest sight in Richland, WA.~~
~~**20**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/16/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~David Weber~~	~~Two data centers are planned to be built in Benton County and one near Walla Walla. Trammell Crow Lewis & Clark Ranch Data Center, Atlas Agro Data Center Campus, and AWS Wallula Gap Data Center Campus. I expect full, detailed reports on how each of these will use utilities, specifically the amount of gigawatts they will consume and how much will be provided by Benton Pub. Further, I expect a detailed report on whether and how the cost of developing infrastructure may be passed on to residents that use Benton Pub to keep our lights on.~~

~~**21**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/20/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Diane Gerig~~	~~The ONE thing that will destroy this community it a data center. DO NOT E EN ALLOW one meeting with buying tech. DATA centers have proven to destroy communitues~~
~~**22**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~05/25/2026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Jon Fager~~	~~I am disappointed that the public hearing meetings are at 9 a.m. when most employed people with an interest in attending need to be at work.~~ ~~I have attended the evening presentations that Benton PUD hosts annually. I appreciate the preparation and presentations. Over the past couple of years, the primary presenter has painted a very negative picture of wind and solar power.~~ ~~I would like to see Benton PUD find ways to increase its use of solar and wind power as part of a wide ranging portfolio of energy sources. I would like to see us improve our already strong commitment to clean energy by embracing these technologies rather than denigrating them.~~
~~**23**~~	~~Webpage~~	~~5/312026~~	~~Kennewick~~	~~Lisa Peppard~~	~~I care about fiscal responsibility of the PUD, keeping costs as low as possible to the consumer; environmental stewardship and responsibility; reliability; and keeping partisan politics out of the utility district.~~

Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523



RESOLUTION NO. 2523

November 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO ENSURE ELECTRIC SECTOR RESOURCE ADEQUACY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS, policy makers in Washington and other key western states have enacted policies or legislation to significantly reduce or remove fossil fuel generation (coal and natural gas) from the electric system in favor of incorporating a significant amount of renewable energy generation (wind and solar); AND

WHEREAS, recent legislation in the State of Washington calls for the elimination of coal by 2025 and all carbon emitting generation by 2045, including natural gas; AND

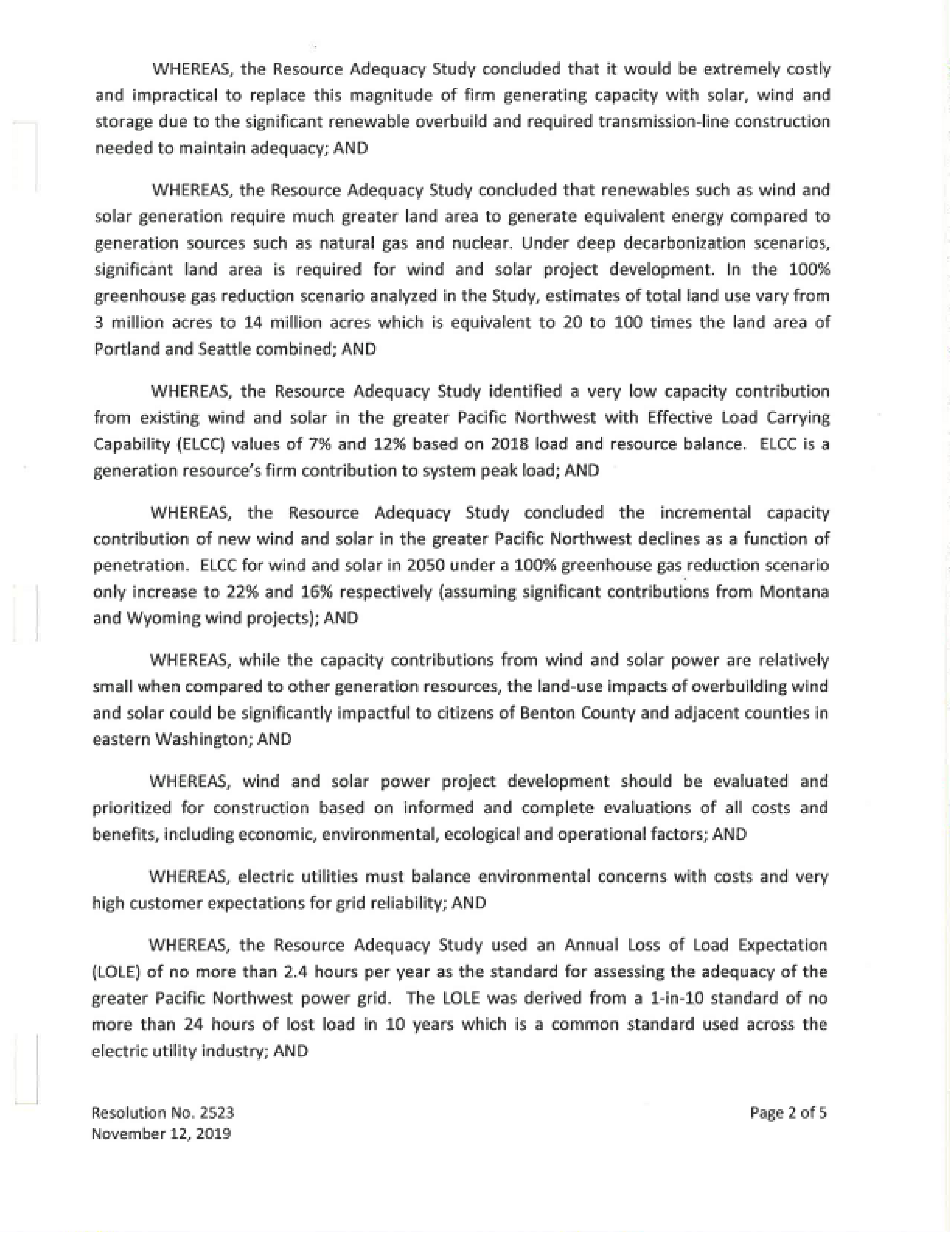
WHEREAS, while wind and solar can be substitutes for the energy that coal resources have traditionally provided, they cannot easily replace the capacity that is needed for resource adequacy due to the lack of economically viable and operationally proven long-term grid-scale energy storage and the variable nature of wind and solar "fuel" sources which are largely dependent on the weather and time of day; AND

WHEREAS, Resource Adequacy is the term most often used to describe an electricity system's ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year; AND

WHEREAS, failure to ensure Resource Adequacy may result in capacity shortages which refers to any situation in which the energy supply capability of an electric utility is not sufficient to meet its customers' energy requirements and this shortage would affect the utility's ability to adequately supply electric services to its customers; AND

WHEREAS, under the sponsorship of three investor-owned utilities and ten public utilities, Energy & Environmental Economics (E3) published an extensive study in March 2019 titled *Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest* (Resource Adequacy Study) which found that 5,000 MW of new firm capacity is needed by 2030 to maintain reliability for load growth. With planned coal retirements of 3,000 MW by 2030, 8,000 MW of new capacity would be needed. If all coal is retired in the region, then 16,000 MW of new firm capacity would be required; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study found that within the greater Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and major portions of Montana and Wyoming, coal and natural gas accounted for over 48% of the effective capacity of electric resources in 2018; AND



WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that it would be extremely costly and impractical to replace this magnitude of firm generating capacity with solar, wind and storage due to the significant renewable overbuild and required transmission-line construction needed to maintain adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that renewables such as wind and solar generation require much greater land area to generate equivalent energy compared to generation sources such as natural gas and nuclear. Under deep decarbonization scenarios, significant land area is required for wind and solar project development. In the 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario analyzed in the Study, estimates of total land use vary from 3 million acres to 14 million acres which is equivalent to 20 to 100 times the land area of Portland and Seattle combined; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study identified a very low capacity contribution from existing wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest with Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) values of 7% and 12% based on 2018 load and resource balance. ELCC is a generation resource's firm contribution to system peak load; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the incremental capacity contribution of new wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest declines as a function of penetration. ELCC for wind and solar in 2050 under a 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario only increase to 22% and 16% respectively (assuming significant contributions from Montana and Wyoming wind projects); AND

WHEREAS, while the capacity contributions from wind and solar power are relatively small when compared to other generation resources, the land-use impacts of overbuilding wind and solar could be significantly impactful to citizens of Benton County and adjacent counties in eastern Washington; AND

WHEREAS, wind and solar power project development should be evaluated and prioritized for construction based on informed and complete evaluations of all costs and benefits, including economic, environmental, ecological and operational factors; AND

WHEREAS, electric utilities must balance environmental concerns with costs and very high customer expectations for grid reliability; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study used an Annual Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no more than 2.4 hours per year as the standard for assessing the adequacy of the greater Pacific Northwest power grid. The LOLE was derived from a 1-in-10 standard of no more than 24 hours of lost load in 10 years which is a common standard used across the electric utility industry; AND

WHEREAS, the LOLE standard does not specifically characterize the magnitude of lost load or the duration, it is a metric for determining the risk of power grid blackouts which depending on the location and weather conditions can represent a serious risk to the safety, health, and well-being of electric utility customers; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the greater Pacific Northwest power grid based on 2018 data does not currently meet an LOLE standard of 2.4 hours per year and will not meet this standard through 2030 under assumed load growth and planned coal-fired power plant retirements; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study also identified the lack of a mandatory or voluntary national standard for Resource Adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the real-time balancing of demand and supply in the Western Interconnection of the United States and Canadian power grids is accomplished by thirty-eight Balancing Authorities, thirteen of which operate in the greater Pacific Northwest; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authorities typically have specific generation plants and loads assigned to them that together with interconnections to other Balancing Authorities allows for regional interchange of electricity as a means of maintaining precise balance of demand and supply across large geographical areas; AND

WHEREAS, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) publish information about Resource Adequacy but have no formal governing role; AND

WHEREAS, each Balancing Authority establishes its own Resource Adequacy standard subject to oversight by state commissions or locally-elected boards; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authority utilities and many other utilities, including Benton PUD, have historically relied on market purchases of unspecified generation resources contracted on a day-ahead and real-time basis to ensure demand and supply are balanced; AND

WHEREAS, the announced retirements of dependable and dispatchable coal-fired power plants in the greater Pacific Northwest coupled with various state policies is anticipated to significantly diminish the pool of available market resources that are critical to meeting electricity demand on the hottest and coldest days of the year; AND

WHEREAS, utilities in the greater Pacific Northwest are concerned that preferences for wind and solar power, coupled with battery storage technology which today is uneconomic and operationally unproven for durations required for Northwest weather events, may risk underinvestment in dependable capacity that is needed during low hydro generation periods and prolonged periods of low wind and solar generation that often occur during extreme weather and temperature events; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool, an organization comprised of major generating utilities serving the greater Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta, issued a summary paper highlighting major studies and reports issued by leading utility industry groups that the Northwest's transition away from coal and towards cleaner generating resources is leading to an urgent and immediate challenge to the ability of the Northwest's electric system to provide reliable electric service; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool's white paper noted two conclusions of particular concern: 1) the region may begin to experience capacity shortages as soon as next year; and 2) by the mid-2020s, the region may face a capacity deficit of thousands of megawatts; AND

WHEREAS, acting through the Northwest Power Pool, a broad coalition of electric utilities across the Pacific Northwest agreed that a voluntary Resource Adequacy program be designed in 2020 and implemented as soon as 2021; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 electricity resource mix was approximately 95% carbon-free, primarily attributed to hydro and nuclear power which provide reliable baseload generation obtained via contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's peak loads are in excess of its allocation of hydro, nuclear and wind power resources; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's approach to managing capacity deficits experienced during peak summer and winter loading periods has been primarily to use financial instruments to hedge its position and to make unspecified market purchases for energy and capacity deficits in day-ahead and real-time markets; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 Integrated Resource Plan recommended considering longer term physical capacity purchases in periods when the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) is projecting a Loss of Load probability (LOLP) greater than 5%; AND

WHEREAS, the Council has established the loss-of load probability (LOLP) metric to assess the adequacy of the Northwest's power supply. The power supply is deemed adequate if its LOLP, five years into the future, is 5 percent or less for each of the years being evaluated. This means that the likelihood of at least one shortfall in generation resources during any of the years in the five-year study must be 5 percent or less; AND

WHEREAS, the Council's 2024 Resource Adequacy Assessment indicates an LOLP of 7.5% in 2021, increasing to 8.2% or possibly 12.8% in 2024 given the October 2019 announcement by PacifiCorp of a possible early retirement of their 530-megawatt Jim Bridger 1 coal-fired power plant; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's recently completed capacity analysis identified average projected heavy load hour (HLH) capacity deficits beginning after the expiration of the Frederickson power purchase agreement in September 2022 of approximately 100 megawatts in summer months (July and August) and 45 megawatts in winter months (December, January and February); AND

WHEREAS, the rapid elimination of the electric capacity provided by coal as well as the anticipated reduction of available natural-gas capacity expected to occur if new plants are not constructed may lead to capacity shortages during peak winter and summer demand periods directly impacting Benton PUD along with utility customers throughout the region; AND

WHEREAS, the creation of a greater Pacific Northwest, voluntary but enforceable Resource Adequacy standard has the potential to provide a common and consistent measure by which regulating bodies can objectively evaluate utility recommendations to acquire or construct new generation capacity for their individual and/or collective benefit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby declares its support to the Northwest Power Pool's efforts to develop a voluntary Resource Adequacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission and Staff will undertake an effort to heighten the awareness of customers and policy makers as to Resource Adequacy concerns, environmental and land use impacts associated with high wind and solar project development scenarios, as well as decisions that may significantly harm electric system Resource Adequacy, such as the breaching or removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams as outlined in Resolution No. 2505.

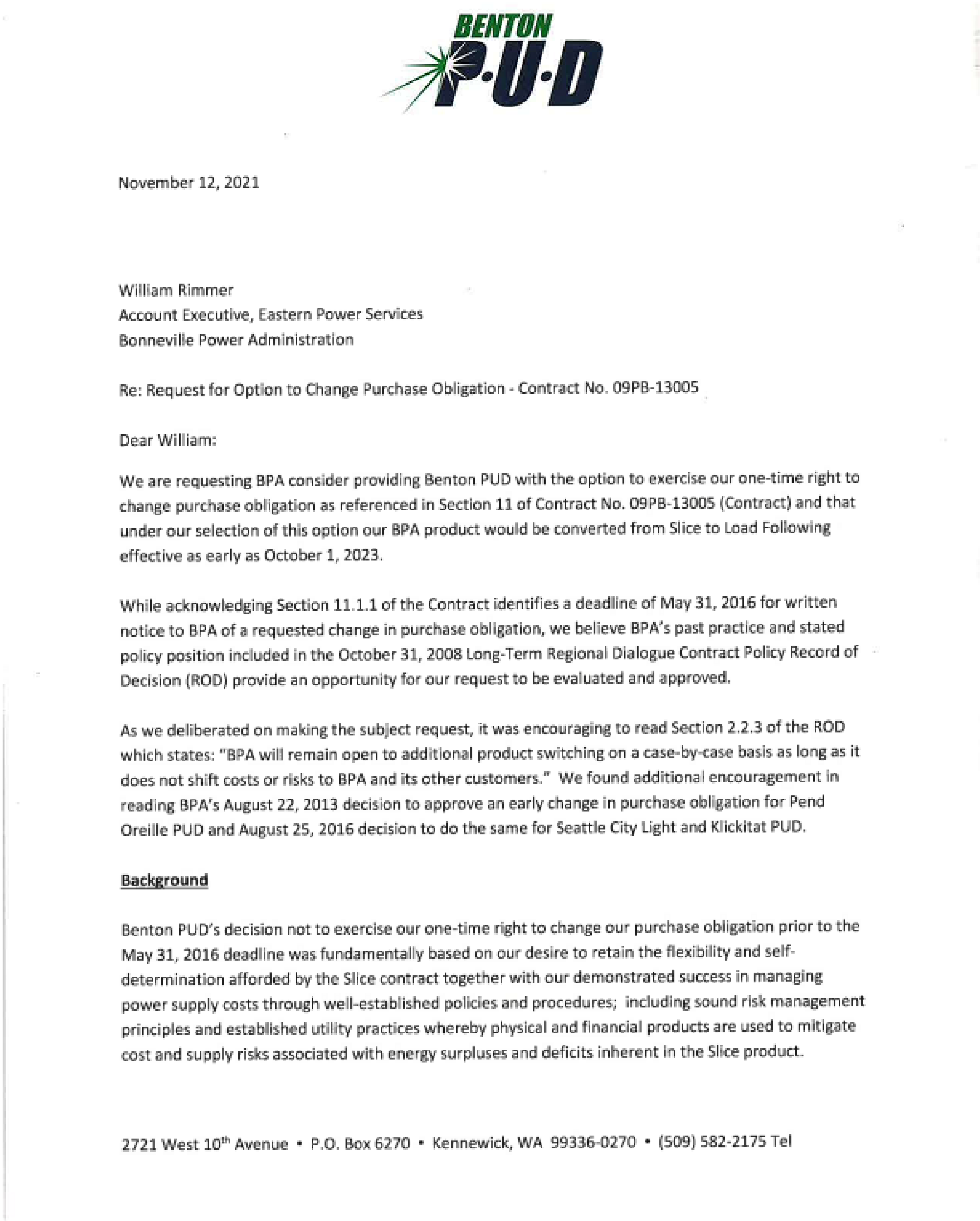
ADOPTED at an open meeting as required by law this 12th day of November 2019.

Jeffrey B. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Barry A. Bush, Secretary

Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter



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November 12, 2021

William Rimmer
Account Executive, Eastern Power Services
Bonneville Power Administration

Re: Request for Option to Change Purchase Obligation - Contract No. 09PB-13005

Dear William:

We are requesting BPA consider providing Benton PUD with the option to exercise our one-time right to change purchase obligation as referenced in Section 11 of Contract No. 09PB-13005 (Contract) and that under our selection of this option our BPA product would be converted from Slice to Load Following effective as early as October 1, 2023.

While acknowledging Section 11.1.1 of the Contract identifies a deadline of May 31, 2016 for written notice to BPA of a requested change in purchase obligation, we believe BPA's past practice and stated policy position included in the October 31, 2008 Long-Term Regional Dialogue Contract Policy Record of Decision (ROD) provide an opportunity for our request to be evaluated and approved.

As we deliberated on making the subject request, it was encouraging to read Section 2.2.3 of the ROD which states: "BPA will remain open to additional product switching on a case-by-case basis as long as it does not shift costs or risks to BPA and its other customers." We found additional encouragement in reading BPA's August 22, 2013 decision to approve an early change in purchase obligation for Pend Oreille PUD and August 25, 2016 decision to do the same for Seattle City Light and Klickitat PUD.

Background

Benton PUD's decision not to exercise our one-time right to change our purchase obligation prior to the May 31, 2016 deadline was fundamentally based on our desire to retain the flexibility and self-determination afforded by the Slice contract together with our demonstrated success in managing power supply costs through well-established policies and procedures; including sound risk management principles and established utility practices whereby physical and financial products are used to mitigate cost and supply risks associated with energy surpluses and deficits inherent in the Slice product.

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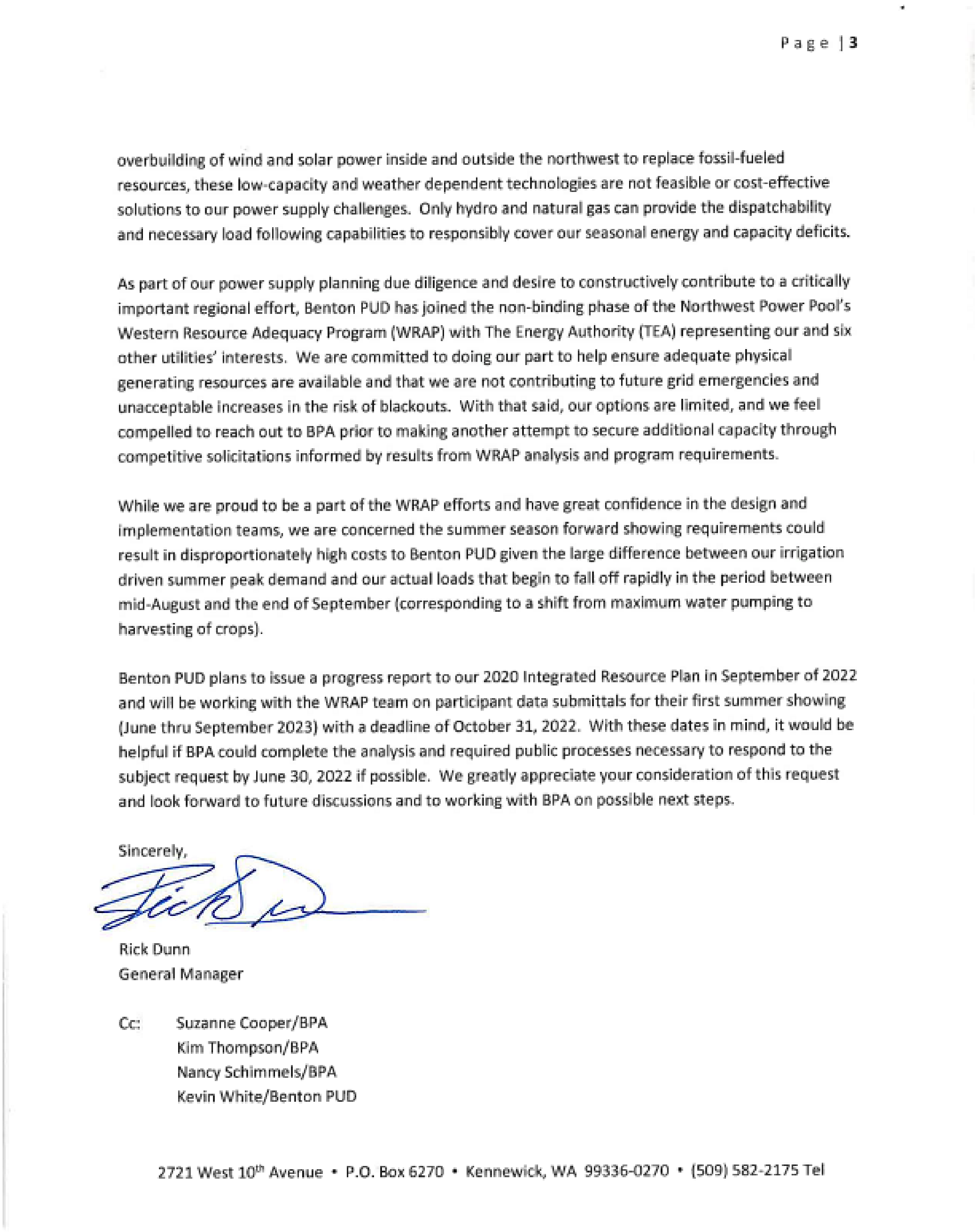
Prior to May 31, 2016 Benton PUD's power supply management strategy was working well as we and many other utilities covered forecasted capacity and energy deficits through unspecified market purchases hedged by financial products strategically purchased to gain price certainty. While price risk was historically our biggest concern, we have always been mindful of our obligation to ensure load and resource balance and the risk of physical electricity shortfalls. So, even though in 2016 we were aware of planned northwest coal-fired power plant retirements and believed additional retirements were imminent, we also believed existing hydro and natural gas generation resources together with development of new gas plants would provide adequate market depth to allow us to continue implementing our proven strategy. To support this belief, Benton PUD closely monitored the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's loss-of-load-probability (LOLP) analysis, PNUCC's Northwest Regional Forecast and power market price volatility as primary indicators of the risk of physical shortfalls.

Fast forward to the passage of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019. While CETA does not outright prohibit the development of new natural gas plants, it has effectively eliminated planned investments through social-cost-of-carbon planning penalties along with punitive administrative penalties for using carbon emitting resources beginning in 2030. When you consider CETA along with Oregon's recent passage of clean energy legislation prohibiting the siting of new natural gas plants within state borders, it is easy to understand why most utilities do not believe significant new natural gas plant capacity will be built any time soon. This situation has been and continues to be very concerning to Benton PUD which is why we issued two requests for proposals (one in October 2019 and another in September 2020) to see if we could secure physical generation and begin to close a portion of the gap in our expected future capacity deficits. While we made some headway by signing one contract, we only received a total of four responses to our two RFPs and the term of the contract we did sign is only for three years beginning in late 2022 and ending in 2025.

As you know, Benton PUD is a uniquely summer peaking utility with heavy air conditioning load combining with large, irrigated agriculture pumping operations to drive our maximum customer demand. During the recent heat dome event in June of this year, irrigated agriculture represented 35% of our new maximum hourly demand of 490 megawatts. As a point of reference, Benton PUD's annual average total power supply requirements is about 210 average megawatts. And while our Slice and Block allocations provided under our existing Contract often result in a surplus annual energy position and are shaped based on a summer peaking load profile, the timing and magnitude of our allocation of BPA supply often results in significant summer season energy deficits; sometimes requiring daily market purchases like we experienced this past July. Adding to the challenge of significant and persistent summer deficits is hydro variability compounded by the uncertainty of northwest grid regional resource adequacy.

Clearly, what Benton PUD has counted on for many years and what we need going forward is access to dispatchable capacity and energy. And while Washington and Oregon clean energy policies promote



overbuilding of wind and solar power inside and outside the northwest to replace fossil-fueled resources, these low-capacity and weather dependent technologies are not feasible or cost-effective solutions to our power supply challenges. Only hydro and natural gas can provide the dispatchability and necessary load following capabilities to responsibly cover our seasonal energy and capacity deficits.

As part of our power supply planning due diligence and desire to constructively contribute to a critically important regional effort, Benton PUD has joined the non-binding phase of the Northwest Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) with The Energy Authority (TEA) representing our and six other utilities' interests. We are committed to doing our part to help ensure adequate physical generating resources are available and that we are not contributing to future grid emergencies and unacceptable increases in the risk of blackouts. With that said, our options are limited, and we feel compelled to reach out to BPA prior to making another attempt to secure additional capacity through competitive solicitations informed by results from WRAP analysis and program requirements.

While we are proud to be a part of the WRAP efforts and have great confidence in the design and implementation teams, we are concerned the summer season forward showing requirements could result in disproportionately high costs to Benton PUD given the large difference between our irrigation driven summer peak demand and our actual loads that begin to fall off rapidly in the period between mid-August and the end of September (corresponding to a shift from maximum water pumping to harvesting of crops).

Benton PUD plans to issue a progress report to our 2020 Integrated Resource Plan in September of 2022 and will be working with the WRAP team on participant data submittals for their first summer showing (June thru September 2023) with a deadline of October 31, 2022. With these dates in mind, it would be helpful if BPA could complete the analysis and required public processes necessary to respond to the subject request by June 30, 2022 if possible. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to future discussions and to working with BPA on possible next steps.

Sincerely,

Rick Dunn
General Manager

Cc: Suzanne Cooper/BPA
Kim Thompson/BPA
Nancy Schimmels/BPA
Kevin White/Benton PUD

Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast

	Calendar Year										
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPUD Retail MWh	1,792,937	1,802,220	1,814,009	1,814,423	1,818,987	1,821,890	1,829,654	1,826,591	1,828,865	1,830,514	1,836,865
BPUD Retail Prior 2-Year Avg. MWh	1,793,372	1,785,429	1,797,579	1,808,115	1,814,216	1,816,705	1,820,438	1,825,772	1,828,123	1,827,728	1,829,690
REC Target MWh	269,006	267,814	269,637	271,217	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
REC Target EIA %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%							
REC Target CETA %					5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean %	5.372%	5.372%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%	5.373%
BPUD Retail Clean %	94.628%	94.628%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%	94.627%
BPUD Retail Renewable %	84.094%	84.094%	84.093%	84.093%	84.093%	84.093%	84.092%	84.093%	84.092%	84.092%	84.092%
BPUD Retail Non-emitting %	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.534%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%	10.535%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	96,319	96,821	97,458	97,480	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
BPUD Retail Clean MWh	1,696,618	1,705,400	1,716,551	1,716,943	1,721,260	1,724,006	1,731,351	1,728,454	1,730,604	1,732,164	1,738,172
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,507,758	1,515,556	1,525,458	1,525,806	1,529,640	1,532,078	1,538,600	1,536,028	1,537,937	1,539,323	1,544,657
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	188,860	189,843	191,093	191,137	191,620	191,928	192,751	192,426	192,667	192,842	193,515
BPUD Retail Unspecified MWh	96,319	96,821	97,458	97,480	97,727	97,884	98,303	98,138	98,261	98,350	98,693
BPUD Retail Hydro MWh	1,496,613	1,504,353	1,514,182	1,514,527	1,518,332	1,520,752	1,527,226	1,524,672	1,526,568	1,527,943	1,533,237
BPUD Retail Wind MWh	11,145	11,203	11,277	11,279	11,308	11,326	11,375	11,356	11,370	11,380	11,420
BPUD Retail Nuclear MWh	188,860	189,843	191,093	191,137	191,620	191,928	192,751	192,426	192,667	192,842	193,515
BPUD Wholesale Total MWh	1,847,442	1,857,008	1,869,155	1,869,581	1,874,284	1,877,275	1,885,276	1,882,120	1,884,463	1,886,162	1,892,705
BPUD Wholesale BPA MWh	1,836,377	1,845,943	1,858,090	1,858,516	1,863,219	1,866,210	1,874,211	1,871,055	1,873,398	1,875,097	1,881,640
BPUD Wholesale Packwood MWh	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065
BPUD Wholesale BPA %	99.401%	99.404%	99.408%	99.408%	99.410%	99.411%	99.413%	99.412%	99.413%	99.413%	99.415%
BPUD Wholesale Packwood %	0.599%	0.596%	0.592%	0.592%	0.590%	0.589%	0.587%	0.588%	0.587%	0.587%	0.585%
BPA Non-Clean %	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%
BPA Clean %	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%	94.595%
BPA Unspecified %	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%	5.405%
BPA Hydro %	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%	83.373%
BPA Wind %	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%
BPA Nuclear %	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%	10.597%

	Calendar Year										
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPUD Retail MWh	1,805,809	1,809,127	1,817,278	1,815,392	1,818,732	1,822,186	1,830,945	1,829,512	1,833,390	1,837,390	1,845,909
BPUD Retail Prior 2-Year Avg. MWh	1,793,372	1,791,866	1,807,468	1,813,203	1,816,335	1,817,062	1,820,459	1,826,566	1,830,229	1,831,451	1,835,390
REC Target MWh	269,006	268,780	271,120	271,980	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
REC Target EIA %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%							
REC Target CETA %					5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean %	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%
BPUD Retail Clean %	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%
BPUD Retail Renewable %	83.976%	83.976%	83.975%	83.976%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.974%	83.974%
BPUD Retail Non-emitting %	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
BPUD Retail Clean MWh	1,709,377	1,712,517	1,720,230	1,718,445	1,721,606	1,724,874	1,733,163	1,731,807	1,735,477	1,739,262	1,747,323
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,516,447	1,519,230	1,526,067	1,524,485	1,527,287	1,530,184	1,537,531	1,536,329	1,539,582	1,542,937	1,550,083
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240
BPUD Retail Unspecified MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
BPUD Retail Hydro MWh	1,505,221	1,507,984	1,514,770	1,513,200	1,515,980	1,518,856	1,526,148	1,524,955	1,528,184	1,531,514	1,538,607
BPUD Retail Wind MWh	11,226	11,246	11,297	11,286	11,306	11,328	11,383	11,374	11,398	11,423	11,476
BPUD Retail Nuclear MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240
BPUD Wholesale Total MWh	1,862,331	1,865,752	1,874,158	1,872,214	1,875,658	1,879,220	1,888,253	1,886,775	1,890,776	1,894,901	1,903,686
BPUD Wholesale BPA MWh	1,851,266	1,854,687	1,863,093	1,861,149	1,864,593	1,868,155	1,877,188	1,875,710	1,879,711	1,883,836	1,892,621
BPUD Wholesale Packwood MWh	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065
BPUD Wholesale BPA %	99.406%	99.407%	99.410%	99.409%	99.410%	99.411%	99.414%	99.414%	99.415%	99.416%	99.419%
BPUD Wholesale Packwood %	0.594%	0.593%	0.590%	0.591%	0.590%	0.589%	0.586%	0.586%	0.585%	0.584%	0.581%
BPA Non-Clean %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%
BPA Clean %	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%
BPA Unspecified %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%
BPA Hydro %	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%
BPA Wind %	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%
BPA Nuclear %	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON CO., WA.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO COMMISSION FOR JUNE 2026

Jul 1, 2026

Final

REVENUE FUND:		RECEIPTS	DISBURSEMENTS	BALANCE
06/01/26	**Cash Balance**			**$ 3,430,332.27**
	Collections	$ 14,750,172.10		
	Bank Interest Earned	4,179.77		
	Investments Matured	6,464,445.77		
	Miscellaneous - BAB's Subsidy	-		
	Transfer from Debt Service Fund	-		
	EFT Taxes		$ 957,374.44	
	Checks Paid		345,924.88	
	Debt Service to Unrestricted		-	
	Debt Service to Restricted		508,285.77	
	Investments Purchased		9,083,988.27	
	Deferred Compensation		204,853.70	
	Department of Retirement Systems		173,581.78	
	Special Fund-Construction Funds		-	
	Purchased Power		6,370,246.94	
	Direct Deposit - Payroll & AP		3,543,831.04	
	Credit Card Fees		36,831.48	
	Miscellaneous		-	
	Sub-total	$ 21,218,797.64	$ 21,224,918.30	
06/30/26	**Cash Balance**			**$ 3,424,211.61**

	Balance 06/01/26	Purchased	Matured	LGIP Interest	Balance 06/30/26
Investment Activity	**$39,224,428.44**	9,501,345.77	6,464,445.77	$90,928.27	**$42,352,256.71**

	Balance 06/01/26	Issued	Redeemed	Cancelled*	Balance 06/30/26
Check Activity	**$91,273.59**	$353,046.00	$345,924.88	$7,477.66	**$90,917.05**

Unrestricted Reserves:	**06/01/26**	**06/30/26**	**Change**
Minimum Operating Reserves (90 DCOH) Incl. RSA(1)	$ 33,509,520.00	$ 33,509,520.00	$ -
Designated Reserves (Customer Deposits Account)	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Power Market Volatility Account)	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Special Capital Account)	4,986,027.87	4,986,027.87	-
Undesignated Reserves (Climate Commitment Act)	3,626,558.84	2,516,558.84	(1,110,000.00)
Undesignated Reserves (DCOH -11 days)(2)	(8,340,631.77)	(4,617,209.93)	3,723,421.84
Unrestricted Reserves Total	**$ 40,681,474.94**	**$ 43,294,896.78**	**$ 2,613,421.84**
DCOH - Beginning and Ending of Month	109	116	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Unrestricted $43.3M)	117	117	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Construction $22.2M)	59	59	
Restricted Reserves:			
Bond Redemption Accounts	1,973,285.78	2,481,571.55	508,285.77
Construction Account	0.00	0.00	-
Restricted Reserves Total	**1,973,285.78**	**2,481,571.55**	**508,285.77**
TOTAL RESERVES	**$ 42,654,760.72**	**$ 45,776,468.33**	**$ 3,121,707.61**

(1) RSA (Rate Stabilization Account): $7,500,000.00

(2) Undesignated Reserves are periodically reviewed to reallocate to the Designated Reserve accounts

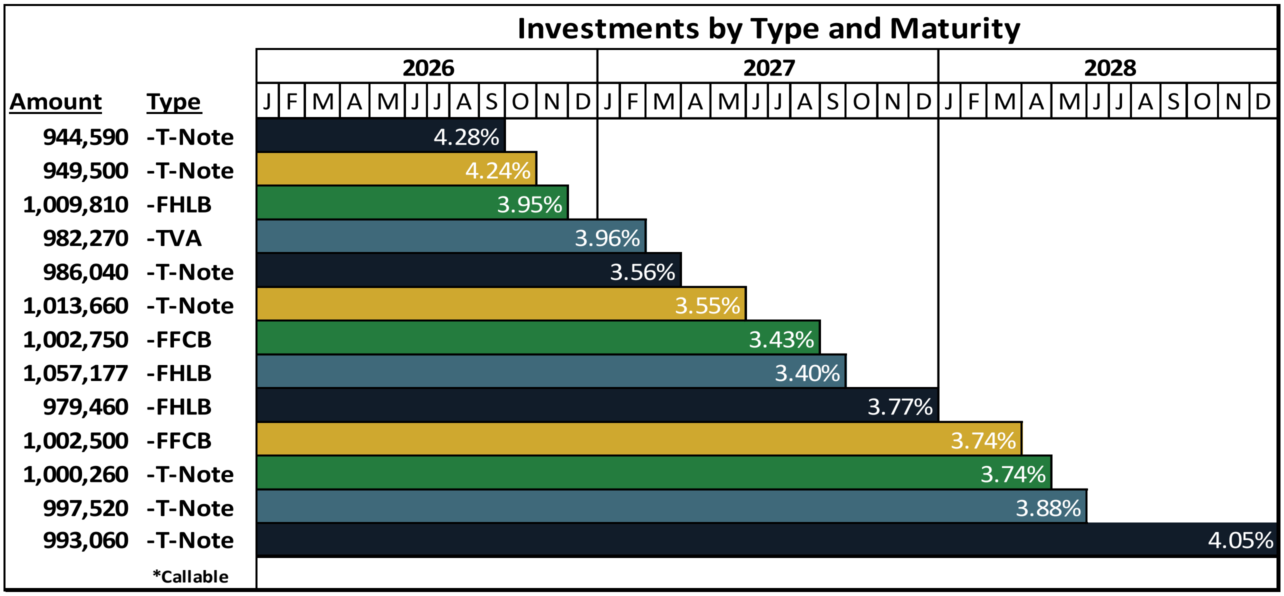
Prepared by: Keith Mercer
Keith Mercer, Treasurer

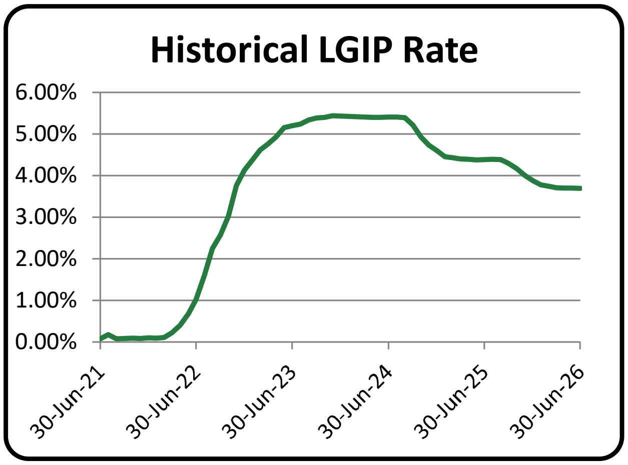
Certified by: Jon Meyer
Jon Meyer, Auditor

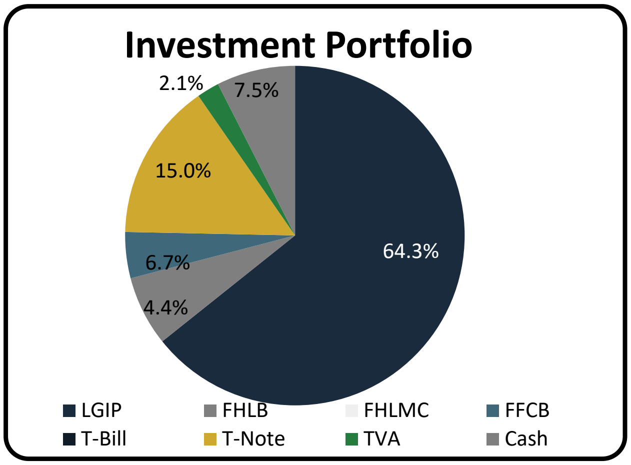
CASH & INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

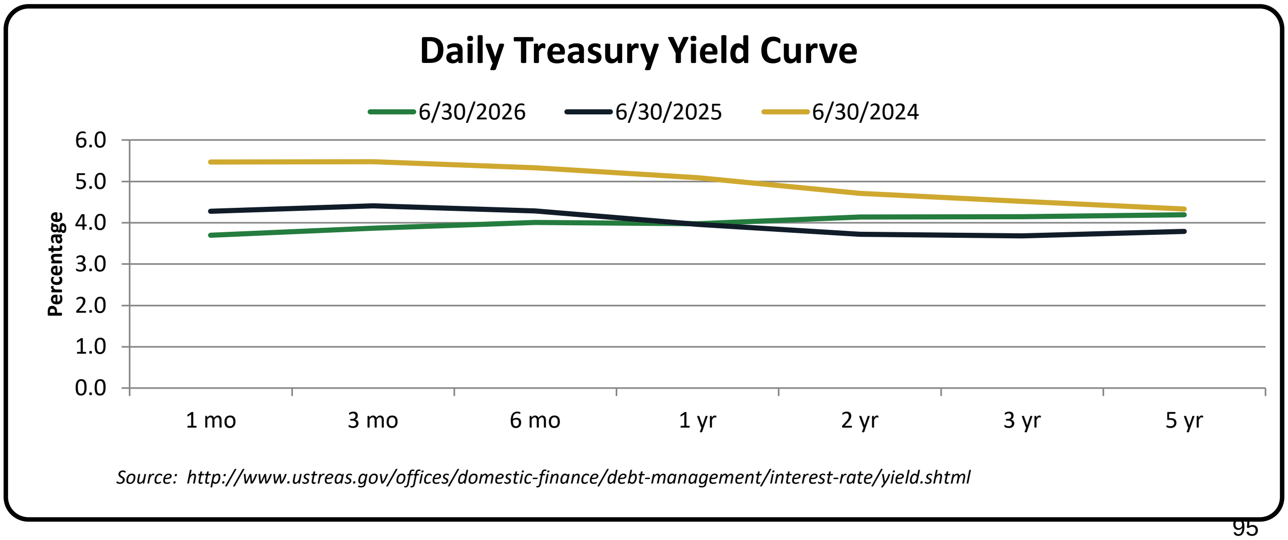
as of June 30, 2026

Average Days to Maturity	**129**	Investments see below*	12,918,597
		LGIP**	29,433,661
Average Weighted Yield	**3.728%**	**TOTAL INVESTMENTS**	42,352,257
		CASH	3,424,212
** Held in custody at Principal Financial Group*		**TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS**	**$ 45,776,469**
*** Local Government Investment Pool*			









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Unrestricted Reserves and Days Cash on Hand (DCOH)

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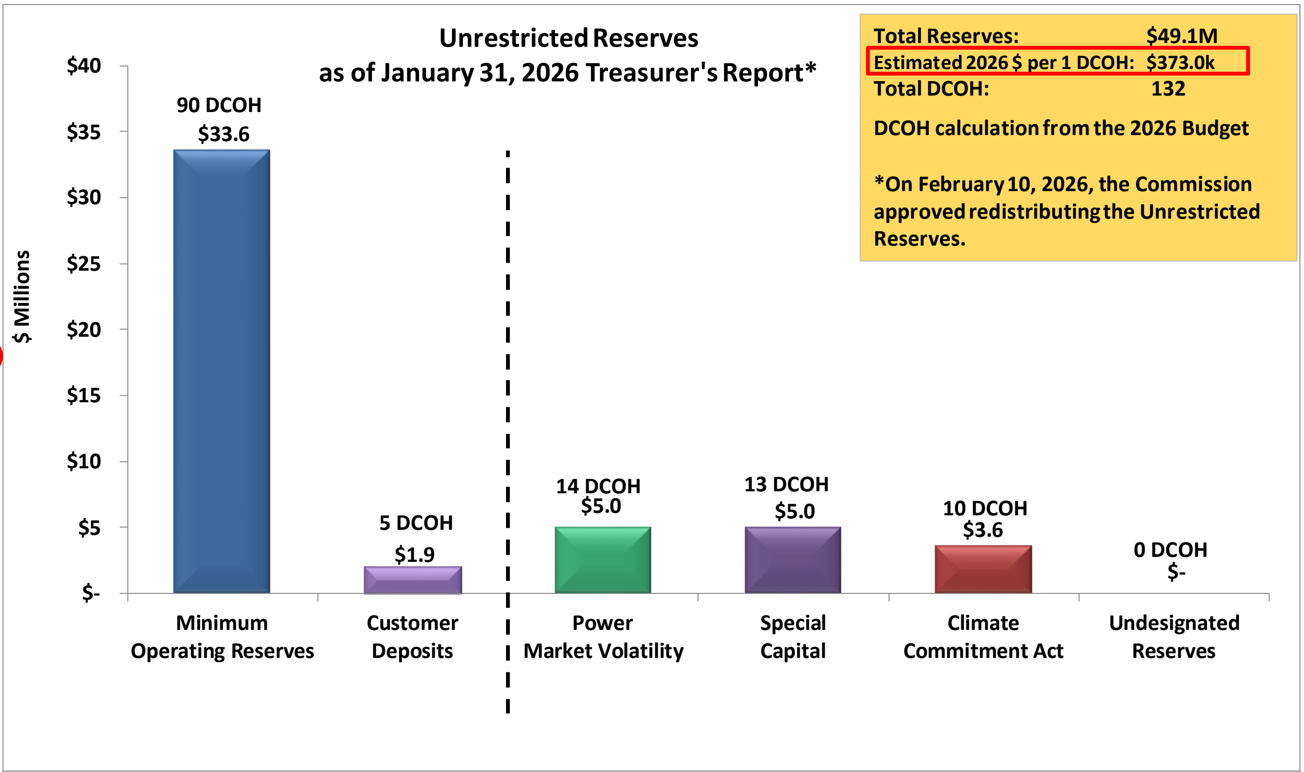

Unrestricted Reserves
as of January 31, 2026 Treasurer's Report*

Total Reserves: $49.1M
Estimated 2026 $ per 1 DCOH: $373.0k
Total DCOH: 132

DCOH calculation from the 2026 Budget

*On February 10, 2026, the Commission approved redistributing the Unrestricted Reserves.

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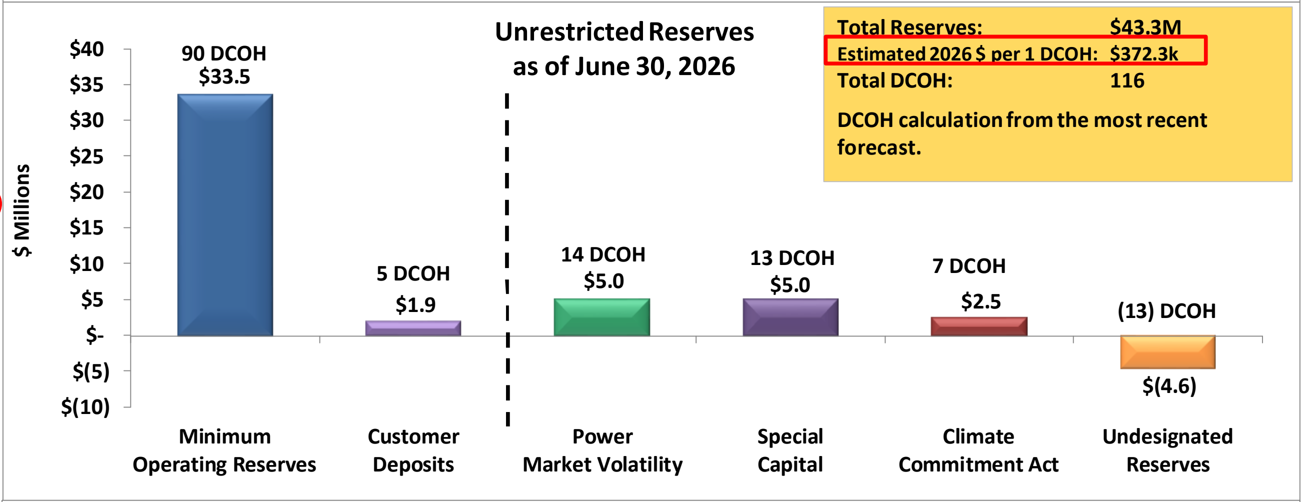

Unrestricted Reserves
as of June 30, 2026

Total Reserves: $43.3M
Estimated 2026 $ per 1 DCOH: $372.3k
Total DCOH: 116

DCOH calculation from the most recent forecast.

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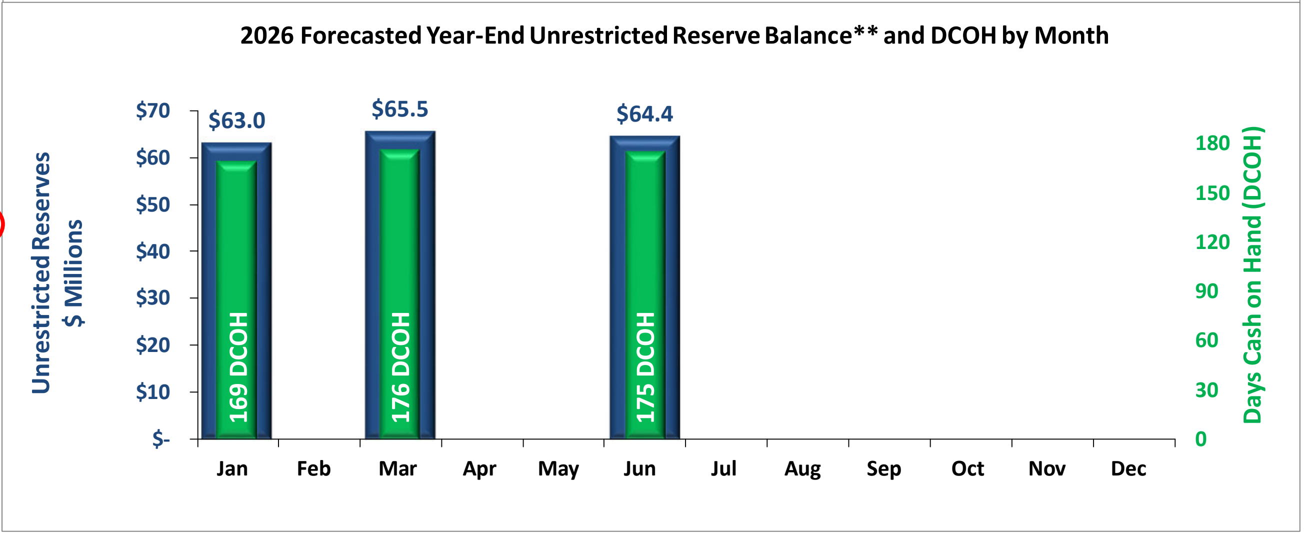
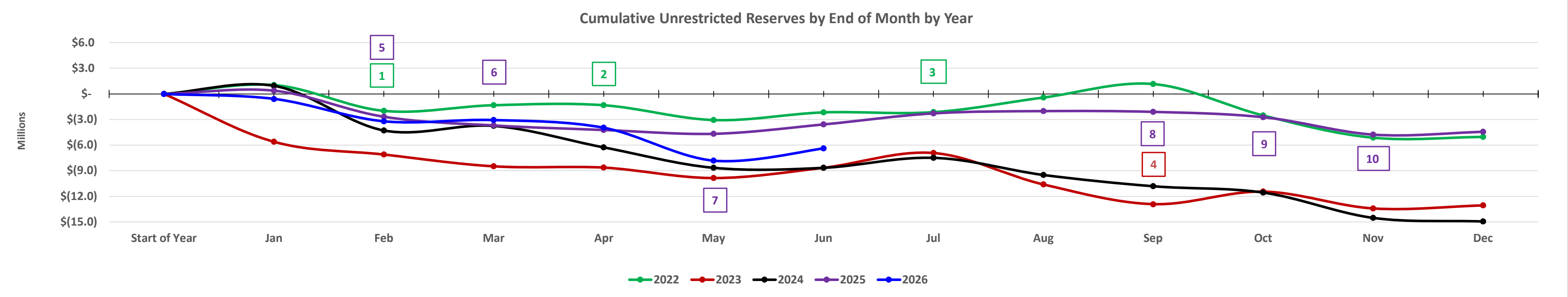


2026 Forecasted Year-End Unrestricted Reserve Balance** and DCOH by Month

**Includes proceeds from the planned 2026 bond issuance, including amounts allocated to the Construction Account.



Note: Any money disbursed for a bid guarantee, received from the Climate Commitment Act auction proceeds, or received from issuing bonds was removed for comparison purposes (i.e. 2023 bond issue).

Other Notable Information:
Weather can play a major factor with customer loads (retail revenue) that can ultimately increase or decrease the District's Unrestricted Reserves.

1. (2022 - February) Adjusted balance down ~$6.3 million for January BPA invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
2. (2022 - April) Adjusted balance down ~$5.7 million for March BPA invoices that were paid in May due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in April.
3. (2022 - July) Adjusted balance down ~$4.3 million for June BPA Power invoice that was paid in August due to timing of when the invoice was issued. This invoice is typically paid in July.
4. (2023 - September) Adjusted balance down ~$5.3 million for August BPA power and transmission invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoice would typically pay in September.
5. (2025 - February) Adjusted balance down ~$5.3 million for January BPA Invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
6. (2025 - March) Adjusted balance down ~$6.5 million for February BPA Invoices that were paid in April due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in March.
7. (2025 - May) Adjusted balance down ~5.4 million for April BPA Invoices that were paid in June due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in May.
8. (2025 - September) Adjusted balance down ~$10.0 million for August BPA invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in September.
9. (2025 - October) Adjusted balance down ~7.2 million for September BPA invoices that were paid in November due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in October.
10. (2025 - November) Adjusted balance down ~$5.5 million for October BPA invoices that were paid in December due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in November.

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Date: June 23, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Place: 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington

Present: Commissioner Jeff Hall, President
Commissioner Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President
Commissioner Mike Massey, Secretary
General Manager Rick Dunn
Assistant General Manager/Sr. Director Operations Steve Hunter
Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer
Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta
Director of IT & Broadband Services Jennifer Holbrook
Director of Human Resources & Communications Karen Dunlap
Director of Customer Service and Treasury Keith Mercer
Director of Engineering Evan Edwards
Supervisor of Executive Administration/Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie
Records Program Administrator II Nykki Drake
General Counsel Allyson Dahlhauser via/MS TEAMS
Absent: Director of Conservation & Distributed Energy Resources Chris Johnson

Benton PUD employees present during all or a portion of the meeting, either in person or virtually: Annette Cobb, Manager of Customer Service; Blake Scherer, Manager of Power Supply & Transmission Service; Eric Dahl, Communications Specialist II; Jenny Sparks, Manager of Communications & Customer Engagement; Kent Zirker, Manager of Accounting; Levi Lanphear, Procurement Administrator; Michelle Ness, Supervisor of Distribution Design; Michelle Ochweri, Manager of Procurement; Robert Frost, Supervisor of Energy Programs; Shanna Everson, Distribution Designer; Tyson Brown, Procurement Specialist II; Zach Underhill, Distribution Designer.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Commission and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review

The agenda was approved as submitted.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Consent Agenda items “a” through “f”. Commissioner Massey seconded and upon vote, the Commission unanimously approved the following:

a. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2026.
b. Travel Report dated June 23, 2026.
c. Vouchers (report dated June 23, 2026) audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing made available to the Commission and approved as follows for payment:
   Accounts Payable: Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments: 115369-115431 in the amount of $1,376,875.98.
   Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK): 92282-92372 in the amount of $232,626.10;
   Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments: 7619-7630 in the amount of $1,048,862.05;
   Residential Conservation Rebates: Credits on Customer Accounts in the amount $1,590.00;
   Payroll: Direct Deposit – 6/4/2026: 115212-115368 in the amount $502,215.76;
   Voided checks (June 2026) in the amount of $6,495.00;
   Grand total - $3,162,169.89
d. Resolution No. 2732 – Use of District Vehicles/Reimburse for Tax Costs
e. Quit Claim Deed – City of Richland
f. Completion & Acceptance of Contract-Cabling & Technology Services-Contract #25-46-09

Management Report

Operations - Assistant General Manager/Senior Director Steve Hunter

1. **Prosser Outage: BPA Ops Coordination & Future Transmission Options**
   Assistant General Manager/Senior Director Steve Hunter reviewed the June 14 fire-related transmission outage affecting approximately 6,000 customers in the Prosser and Benton City areas. Discussion included BPA's response and restoration efforts, the District's request to expand 115-kV transmission line dead-line switching authority under its operating agreement with BPA, and transmission redundancy options being evaluated for serving the Prosser area.

Chief Financial Officer - Jon Meyer

1. **State Audit**
   Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer reported that the 2025 State Accountability Audit was complete with no findings. The District did receive an exit note related to not removing a couple of obsolete tools from its small and attractive asset list. Staff will review the

District's policy and CFO Meyer noted that the State Auditor's Office is looking at record keeping for small and attractive assets across utility organizations statewide.

2. **Financial Report**
   Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer provided the Commission with a financial report for May, 2026.
3. **CCA Auction Update**
   Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer reported that the District participated in the recent Climate Commitment Act (CCA) auction and purchased 37,000 Vintage 2029 allowances at $30 per allowance for a total of $1.1 million. Vintage 2029 allowances cleared the auction at substantial discount to the Vintage 2026 allowances, which sold at $65 per allowance. Discussion included Department of Ecology’s changes to previous allowance allocations, anticipated future allocation information expected in October, ongoing Department of Ecology rulemaking efforts, and future consideration of allowance proceeds.
4. **BPA Load Area Reinforcement Studies (Blake Scherer)**
   Manager Blake Scherer reported on BPA's Load Area Reinforcement Study (LARS) initiative following a June 15 BPA customer meeting. Discussion included BPA's proposed expansion of transmission planning from a 10-year to a 20-year planning horizon, the study's collaborative planning approach, and BPA's identification of the Tri-Cities region as a study area. Manager Scherer also discussed a proposed joint comment letter he drafted for the Tri-Cities utilities for submission to BPA to provide feedback regarding the study.

Chief Operating Officer - Chris Folta

1. **Emergency Load Reduction**
   Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta provided an update on the District's Emergency Load Reduction Plan and ongoing preparation efforts. Staff reviewed the purpose of the plan, the requirements established under Resolution No. 2506, and the District's role in responding to BPA-directed load reduction requests during energy and transmission emergencies. Discussion included the differences between transmission and energy emergencies, load-shedding implementation, customer fairness and critical facility considerations, and ongoing efforts to update the plan, improve communications procedures, and conduct tabletop exercises. Chief Operating Officer Folta emphasized that emergency load shedding, including rolling blackouts, remains a low probability, last-resort measure intended to maintain system reliability, minimize customer impacts and prevent larger uncontrolled outages.

General Manager – Rick Dunn

1. **John Day Dam Adult Salmon Delays**
   General Manager Dunn reported on concerns raised by the Public Power Council regarding delays in adult Chinook salmon passage at John Day Dam following implementation of court-ordered spill operations. GM Dunn reviewed graphical data that clearly shows a correlation between high spill levels and severe reductions in adult Chinook salmon passage rates through John Day Dam fish ladders. Additionally, he

discussed two media pieces included in the Columbia-Snake River Irrigators Association most recent board meeting packet that highlighted the dramatic difference in perspective on BPA's management of the federal hydro system and salmon recovery efforts, and how dam breaching advocates continue to insist there are easy ways to replace the Lower Snake River Dam power services and that breaching these dams would be a guaranteed path to salmon restoration upstream.

2. **Federal System Firm Generation 1997/98 vs. OY 2027**
   General Manager Dunn reviewed historical and current federal hydropower generation forecasts, comparing BPA's 1997/98 Federal System firm energy forecasts with current Operating Year 2027 projections. Discussion highlighted massive reductions in firm energy capability during the spring and summer runoff period compared to historical forecasts and the sacrifice of thousands of megawatts of power generation that has occurred in federal system operations since 1997.
3. **LSRD Replacement Study Comments**
   General Manager Dunn reviewed recent operating data for the Lower Snake River dams and their contribution to generation within the Federal Columbia River Power System. General Manager Dunn also reviewed information related to Washington State's $800k funding of yet another Lower Snake River dam replacement study, noting that three publicly funded studies have been completed since 2022 and that there are currently no federal plans to breach the federally owned dams.
4. **Renewable NW Sues DOD**
   General Manager Dunn informed the Commission of litigation filed by Renewable Northwest against the Department of Defense over a halt in permitting for utility-scale wind energy projects.
5. **BPA Administrator Update – Travis Kavulla**
   General Manager Dunn updated the Commission that the U.S. Department of Energy officially named Travis Kavulla as the 17th Chief Executive Officer and Administrator of the Bonneville Power Administration on June 22, succeeding John Hairston.
6. **Rate Increases – Regional Utilities**
   General Manager Dunn reviewed recent proposed electric rate increases by regional utilities, including Seattle City Light's planned 9.5 percent annual increases and Puget Sound Energy's proposed electric rate increases of 16.75 percent in 2027, 3.76 percent in 2028, and 8.81 percent in 2029.

The Commission briefly recessed, reconvening at 10:40 a.m.

Business Agenda

BPA Provider of Choice – Above Contract High Water Load Election

Manager Blake Scherer presented information regarding Benton PUD's upcoming BPA Above-CHWM load service election, which must be submitted to BPA by July 27, 2026. Staff reviewed the available election options, BPA's final Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) publication, and election requirements. Manager Scherer reiterated staff's recommendation to elect Option A (All

BPA Long-Term Tier 2 Rate)**,** citing the District’s relatively small forecasted Above-CHWM load, uncertainty in future load growth, lack of non-BPA generation resources, and ongoing regional resource adequacy concerns. Staff noted that the Draft 2026 Resource Plan assumes election of Option A and that formal Commission action is anticipated on July 14, 2026, in conjunction with adoption of the Resource Plan and authorization for the General Manager to submit the election to BPA.
Commissioner Sanders commented that the election represents one of the District’s most important upcoming decisions and expressed appreciation for the information provided.

Financial Forecast and COSA Update

CFO Jon Meyer and Director Keith Mercer presented an updated financial forecast incorporating the revised load forecast and year-to-date financial results through April 2026. Discussion included financial impacts associated with the preliminary injunction affecting federal hydro system operations, forecasted rate scenarios, reserve levels, and long-term financial planning considerations. Staff discussed the current status of legal proceedings related to the preliminary injunction which added approximately $85 million annually in costs for BPA to replace generation lost from additional spill. BPA’s proposed supplemental rate proceeding to create a rate adder for this cost is on pause until their new Administrator has a chance to review. As BPA is well into the first year of the current three-year rate period, the proposed rate adder would collect three years of this cost over the remaining two years of the BPA rate period, and would add about $4.75 million to the District’s annual power supply expense. Staff noted that potential financial impacts from the preliminary injunction could increase annual rate increases for 2027 to 2029 from 2.5 percent to 4.0 percent. Staff emphasized the importance of maintaining liquidity compliance and reserve levels and noted that any future rate increases associated with court-ordered costs would be communicated to customers.

Staff also reviewed the results of the District's 2026 Cost of Service Analysis (COSA), including the District's projected revenue requirement and cost allocation among customer classes. Discussion included the relationship between COSA results, future rate design considerations, and the use of reserves. Staff noted the COSA provides a framework for evaluating cost recovery among customer classes.

Staff further reviewed the preliminary schedule for the District's 2026 bond issuance, including plans to issue a request for proposals for underwriting services. A Bond Issuance 101 presentation is also planned for a future Commission meeting.

Future Planning

General Manager Dunn reminded the Commission of Assistant General Manager/Senior Director Steve Hunter's retirement open house scheduled for Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the District auditorium.

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, President Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

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Jeff Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Mike Massey, Secretary

Periodic Travel Report - July 14, 2026

Date Start	Business Days	Name	City	Purpose
6/26/2026	1	Kelly Cobb	Arlington, WA	GALVANIZED PARTS PICKUP
7/13/2026	8	Grayson Sawyer	Morrisville, NC	SENSUS - ELECTRIC METEROLOGY FOR CUSTOMERS
7/20/2026	4	Douglas Dobrec	Shelton, WA	2026 NWPPA UTILITY WAREHOUSING
8/5/2026	2	Lizette Parra	East Wenatchee, WA	CWPU UIP MEETING - AUGUST 2026
9/14/2026	3	Rosa Mitchell	Spokane, WA	NWPPA LEADERSHIP SKILLS: CHALLENGING COMMUNICATIONS
9/20/2026	5	Kirsten Norton	Nashville, TN	SURVALENT GLOBAL USER CONFERENCE
10/19/2026	4	Brandy Sawyer	Glendale, AZ	UTILITY ANALYTICS INSTITUTE WEEK - 2026 CONFERENCE
10/31/2026	5	Shawnee Lanphear	Denver, CO	2026 XYLEM REACH CONFERENCE
11/1/2026	5	Christopher Kuperstein	Denver, CO	XYLEM REACH 2026 CONFERENCE (SENSUS METERING)
11/3/2026	2	Brandon Farrell	Spokane, WA	NWPPA TRAINING - LEADERSHIP - UNDERSTANDING SLII WORK STYLES

BENTON P·U·D

PAYMENT APPROVAL
July 14, 2026

The vouchers presented on this Payment Approval Report for approval by the Board of Commissioners have been audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims by officers and employees have been certified as required by RCW 42.24.090.

Type of Payment	Starting #		Ending #	Page #	Amount
Accounts Payable:					
Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments	115590 115842	- - -	115683 115872	1 - 9 9 - 13	$ 1,852,324.89
Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK)	92373	- -	92449	14 - 19	$ 195,176.95
Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments	7632	-	7644	20 - 21	$ 7,253,433.89
Residential Conservation Rebates:					
Credits on Customer Accounts				22	$ 1,230.00
Purchase Card Detail:					
Payroll:					
Direct Deposit - 06/18/2026	115432	-	115589		$ 499,392.81
Direct Deposit - 07/02/2026	115684	-	115841		$ 506,815.00
TOTAL					**$ 10,308,373.54**
Void DD					$ -
Void Checks	June 2026			14	$ 982.66
Void Wires					$ -

I, the undersigned Auditor of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claims identified in this report are just, due and unpaid obligations against the District and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claims.

Jon Meyer 7/6/2026

Jon L. Meyer, Auditor *Date*

Reviewed by:

Rick Dunn, General Manager

Approved by:

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President

Michael D. Massey, Secretary

Accounts Payable
Check Register

06/15/2026 To 07/03/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
115590	6/17/26	DD	10659	ABBA TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	Software License Renewal/Maintenance	2,762.15
115591	6/17/26	DD	10864	ALAMON, INC.	Pole Inspection	153,517.47
115592	6/17/26	DD	11230	ALLIANCE 2020 INC	Background Screening	1,061.64
115593	6/17/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Insulated Connectors	7,570.20
					STAPLE GALV MOULDING	1,079.81
					Total for Check/Tran - 115593:	8,650.01
115594	6/17/26	DD	34	BENTON PUD-ADVANCE TRAVEL	NWPPA Hazardous Waste Mgmt	116.12
115595	6/17/26	DD	3828	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	Insulator, Spool, ANSI 53-2, P	309.21
					628A547H01 - Counter Per N1 Veeder Root	3,653.17
					Fiber, bulk head # OFP-SCS06AC	2,206.14
					DE GUY PREFORM 12 5M	850.27
					Total for Check/Tran - 115595:	7,018.79
115596	6/17/26	DD	3344	BOYD'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	Tree Trimming Svc	8,372.05
115597	6/17/26	DD	1810	CARLSON SALES METERING SOLUTION	transformers	7,996.80
115598	6/17/26	DD	2680	CO-ENERGY	Fuel Svc	2,799.39
115599	6/17/26	DD	3820	COLEMAN OIL COMPANY, LLC	Fuel Svc	25,899.69
115600	6/17/26	DD	2972	COMPUNET, INC.	Cisco Software Reneal	13,826.64
					Cisco Software Reneal	161,495.73
					Software License/Subscription	398.21
					Total for Check/Tran - 115600:	175,720.58
115601	6/17/26	DD	3167	COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER, INC	CRCLink User/Multispeak OMS	13,206.07
115602	6/17/26	DD	3439	DJ'S ELECTRICAL, INC.	Rattlesnake Mt Rebuild	11,220.30
115603	6/17/26	DD	2898	ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	Professional Svc	982.00
115604	6/17/26	DD	11023	ELLERD, HULTGRENN & DAHLHAUSER	Professional Svc	3,475.00

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115605	6/17/26	DD	10961	ENERGY PRO INSULATION, INC.	REEP		2,146.00
115606	6/17/26	DD	642	EVERGREEN FINANCIAL SERVICES, IN	Collections Svc		468.13
115607	6/17/26	DD	10169	FALCON SOFTWARE COMPANY, INC.	Software Support/Monitoring - Azure		6,874.00
					Kentico Refresh		1,875.00
					Software Support/Manitenance		4,575.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115607:	13,324.00
115608	6/17/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	Splice Kits		28,643.82
					PO Line 2		2,562.24
					BOLTS DA 5/8 X 24		2,754.82
					Credit - Inv 1544684 -PO 58660 Line 2		-2,562.24
						Total for Check/Tran - 115608:	31,398.64
115609	6/17/26	DD	3969	GPS INSIGHT, LLC	Device Monitoring		2,370.53
115610	6/17/26	DD	2087	H2 PRECAST, INC.	Credit - Inv 177910		-8,192.00
					Vault Base/Lid		24,235.20
						Total for Check/Tran - 115610:	16,043.20
115611	6/17/26	DD	11206	SHAWN T HARPER	NWPPA Hazardous Waste Mgmt		72.78
115612	6/17/26	DD	3232	JENNIFER M HOLBROOK	NoaNet Board		272.45
115613	6/17/26	DD	990	INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC.	Software License/Support		10,830.63
					Software License/Support		186.17
					Software License/Support		10,910.44
					Software License/Support		1,344.78
						Total for Check/Tran - 115613:	23,272.02
115614	6/17/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	Oshkosh 10' Heavy Shoe Tamping Bar		361.21
					Oshkosh 10' Straight Shovel		848.64
					Oshkosh 10' Western Pattern Shovel		861.70
						Total for Check/Tran - 115614:	2,071.55

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115615	6/17/26	DD	11266	JASPER ENGINES & TRANSMISSIONS	Remanufactured Engine		6,258.18
115616	6/17/26	DD	11191	KELLER & HECKMAN LLP	Professional Svc		3,132.50
115617	6/17/26	DD	11069	LINGUALINX, INC.	Translation Svc		40.86
115618	6/17/26	DD	3644	LOOMIS	Safepoint Svc		1,599.93
					Drop Box/Kiosks		2,382.85
						Total for Check/Tran - 115618:	3,982.78
115619	6/17/26	DD	3821	NISC	Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		1,023.81
					Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		572.84
					Envelopes/Mail Svc/Print Svc/Forms		2,063.28
					Envelopes/Mail Svc/Print Svc/Forms		43,751.99
					Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		9,073.30
					Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		2,688.39
					Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		4,032.57
					Postage/Online Pymnts/ACH		17,810.55
						Total for Check/Tran - 115619:	81,016.73
115620	6/17/26	DD	919	NOANET	Albright & Finley Rd		591.53
					Slack Storage Pole		739.42
					Finley Mini Storage		2,157.25
					Prosser/Benton City Transfers		2,847.97
					Broadband Billing		16,035.92
					Broadband Billing		64,143.69
					Co-Location Kenn Verizon		1,460.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115620:	87,975.78
115621	6/17/26	DD	11081	NORTHWEST ENERGY EFFICIENCY ALL	3rd Qtr Electric Expense		14,017.21
115622	6/17/26	DD	2671	JAMIE-MARIE K OCAMPO-GUEL	Work at Prosser		44.95
115623	6/17/26	DD	10769	ONEBRIDGE BENEFITS INC.	Flex Spending Dependent Care		288.47
					Flex Spending Health Care		3,058.82

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						Total for Check/Tran - 115623:	3,347.29
115624	6/17/26	DD	3162	ONLINE INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	Online Utility Exchange		1,232.97
115625	6/17/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing		22.81
					Monthly Billing		29.28
					Monthly Billing		205.81
						Total for Check/Tran - 115625:	257.90
115626	6/17/26	DD	585	PARADISE BOTTLED WATER CO.	Monthly Billing		217.59
					Monthly Billing		51.08
						Total for Check/Tran - 115626:	268.67
115627	6/17/26	DD	1241	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		9,882.94
					KVEW Jump Off Joe		1,312.33
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		4,654.81
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		8,496.48
					Columbia Crest Substation		634.55
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		2,655.79
					South Slope Sub		81.07
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		7,790.50
					HAPO		567.94
					H2F3 Sub		6,527.32
						Total for Check/Tran - 115627:	42,603.73
115628	6/17/26	DD	146	S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY	Power Fuse		8,486.40
					SWITCH, INTEGER UNITIZED,HANDL		99,234.30
						Total for Check/Tran - 115628:	107,720.70
115629	6/17/26	DD	10943	SEALX, LLC	Janitorial Svc		4,511.29
					Janitorial Svc		2,728.85
					Janitorial Svc		1,722.86
						Total for Check/Tran - 115629:	8,963.00
115630	6/17/26	DD	11223	SEFCOR	TERM,AL,WELDED,STRAIGHT MOUNT,		831.10

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115631	6/17/26	DD	11080	SHANNON L SENSIBAUGH	WA Dept Of Commerce Federal Grant Wrkshp		198.65
115632	6/17/26	DD	2154	SENSUS USA, INC.	Meter, Sensus 1S Stratus IQ+ 200A 120V		3,607.90
115633	6/17/26	DD	10230	SMG-TRI CITIES, LLC	Advertising		2,520.00
115634	6/17/26	DD	10926	STARLINE LUXURY COACHES	Bus Rental - ENW Windmill Tour		2,363.40
115635	6/17/26	DD	3502	SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER	Employee Testing		150.00
115636	6/17/26	DD	1643	TONY'S ALBRECHT GLASS, LLC	REEP		726.00
115637	6/17/26	DD	139	TOWNSQUARE MEDIA TRI CITIES	Advertising		3,144.00
115638	6/17/26	DD	11207	TRINITEL, LLC	Power Cable		175.60
					Power Cable		-14.20
						Total for Check/Tran - 115638:	161.40
115639	6/17/26	DD	1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing - Faircloth		88.67
					Clothing- Rabben		88.67
					Clothing - Welch		544.55
					Credit - Inv 4420515		-285.06
						Total for Check/Tran - 115639:	436.83
115640	6/17/26	DD	1369	UNITED SALES ASSOCIATES, INC.	NICAD Batteries		5,211.39
					NICAD Batteries		-4.79
						Total for Check/Tran - 115640:	5,206.60
115641	6/17/26	DD	1048	UNITED WAY OF BENTON & FRANKLIN	EE United Way Contribution		417.23
115642	6/17/26	DD	10154	US PAYMENTS, LLC	Paysite/Kiosk/Card Processing Fees		264.44
					Paysite/Kiosk/Card Processing Fees		1,440.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115642:	1,704.44
115643	6/17/26	DD	272	UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	Underground Locate		681.72
115644	6/17/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc		35.80
					Weekly Svc		38.14

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					Weekly Svc	27.73
					Weekly Svc	45.03
					Weekly Svc	18.39
					Total for Check/Tran - 115644:	165.09
115645	6/17/26	DD	1935	VIRGINIA TRANSFORMER CORP.	Tariff Charge - PO 57933	1,799.55
115646	6/17/26	DD	4235	WATER STREET PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LLC	Lobbying Svc	6,500.00
115647	6/17/26	DD	11134	WELLABLE LLC	Pro Wellness Plan	350.00
115648	6/24/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Salisbury Insulated Roll Blanket	1,525.38
					Fuse Link	2,246.72
					Bolts	718.08
					Total for Check/Tran - 115648:	4,490.18
115649	6/24/26	DD	10496	ARNETT INDUSTRIES, LLC	Gloves	1,296.95
115650	6/24/26	DD	793	BELL LUMBER & POLE, INC.	Poles	52,578.19
115651	6/24/26	DD	34	BENTON PUD-ADVANCE TRAVEL	NWPPA Hazardous Waste Management	116.12
115652	6/24/26	DD	3356	BMC HELIX, INC.	Software License/Maintenace	13,143.34
115653	6/24/26	DD	3344	BOYD'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	Tree Trimming Svc	9,292.14
115654	6/24/26	DD	10630	CAMPBELL TRAINING SOLUTIONS, LLC	Empowered Prg	1,800.00
115655	6/24/26	DD	2972	COMPUNET, INC.	Azure Monthly Billing	32.64
					Software Licenses	9,537.04
					Total for Check/Tran - 115655:	9,569.68
115656	6/24/26	DD	57	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIB	Enclosure Light Strip	388.40
					Enclosure Light Strip Cable	59.07
					Alum 4/0 STR DB Triplex, Sweet	26,786.56
					Total for Check/Tran - 115656:	27,234.03
115657	6/24/26	DD	10896	CULLIGAN QUENCH	Ice/Water Monthly Fee	375.55

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115658	6/24/26	DD	11252	GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.	Overspending for 2025 FSA Plan Year		646.93
115659	6/24/26	DD	3130	GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.	2025 CPA /DRPA		1,500.00
115660	6/24/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	WASHER SP LOCK GALV 3/4		561.41
					TAPE VINYL PLAST 1.5 X 36 YDS,		1,286.02
						Total for Check/Tran - 115660:	1,847.43
115661	6/24/26	DD	2087	H2 PRECAST, INC.	Vault Base/Lids		11,587.20
115662	6/24/26	DD	10420	HEALTH INVEST HRA TRUST	Monthly Fees		133.11
115663	6/24/26	DD	4207	INFORMATION FIRST, INC.	Content Mgr		2,176.00
115664	6/24/26	DD	990	INSIGHT PUBLIC SECTOR INC.	Software License/Support		24,261.53
115665	6/24/26	DD	103	KENNEWICK, CITY OF	Monthly Billing		233.28
					Monthly Billing		525.93
					Monthly Billing		471.97
					Monthly Billing		764.16
					Monthly Billing		296.86
						Total for Check/Tran - 115665:	2,292.20
115666	6/24/26	DD	10162	LINGUISTICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.	Interpreting Service		57.29
115667	6/24/26	DD	10563	MESSAGE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	IVR/SMS Service		-92.84
					IVR/SMS Service		1,147.84
						Total for Check/Tran - 115667:	1,055.00
115668	6/24/26	DD	3539	NEWGEN STRATEGIES AND SOLUTION	Professional Svs		800.00
115669	6/24/26	DD	919	NOANET	Professional Svc		280.00
					Professional Svc		560.00
					Professional Svc		1,820.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115669:	2,660.00
115670	6/24/26	DD	2671	JAMIE-MARIE K OCAMPO-GUEL	Prosser Campus for Customer Service		89.90

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115671	6/24/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing		126.88
					Monthly Billing		26.65
						Total for Check/Tran - 115671:	153.53
115672	6/24/26	DD	1241	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		3,631.83
					Wine Country Rd		8,246.15
					Wine Country Rd		638.07
					20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		3,780.57
					REV Zone		21.76
						Total for Check/Tran - 115672:	16,318.38
115673	6/24/26	DD	1161	PRINT PLUS	Surge Protection Cards		405.82
115674	6/24/26	DD	136	PUBLIC POWER COUNCIL	2026 Vol. Supplemental Assessment Dues		7,334.47
115675	6/24/26	DD	10951	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Self Insured STD Fee		185.00
115676	6/24/26	DD	10947	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Basic AD&D		174.07
					Basic Life		870.35
					Non-Barg Basic AD&D		84.47
					Non-Barg Basic Dep Life		80.08
					Non-Barg Basic Life		1,123.45
					Supplemental - Life EE		2,250.20
					Supplemental AD&D - Child		9.00
					Supplemental AD&D - EE		570.00
					Supplemental AD&D - Spouse		228.15
					Supplemental Life - Child		52.02
					Supplemental Life - Spouse		444.45
					LTD Buy Up		1,304.62
					LTD Core No Buy Up		3,214.80
						Total for Check/Tran - 115676:	10,405.66
115677	6/24/26	DD	2154	SENSUS USA, INC.	Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr		6,129.18
					Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr		9,905.47

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					Flxnt/SAAS/AEM Svc/Alert Mgr	4,535.07
					Meter, Sensus 2S Stratus IQ+ 200A, 240V	25,704.30
					Total for Check/Tran - 115677:	46,274.02
115678	6/24/26	DD	985	SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC	Monthly Billing	592.12
115679	6/24/26	DD	3696	SUMMIT LAW GROUP, PLLC	Professional Svc	127.50
115680	6/24/26	DD	1124	THE PAPE GROUP, INC.	Door Maintenance - Prosser	1.93
					Door Maintenance - Prosser	2,110.11
					Overhead door maintenance	2,563.98
					Total for Check/Tran - 115680:	4,676.02
115681	6/24/26	DD	10958	THREE D METALS, INC.	Aluminum Bar	645.50
					Aluminum Bar	-52.21
					Total for Check/Tran - 115681:	593.29
115682	6/24/26	DD	1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing- Diaz	1,037.15
					Clothing- Cardenas	270.92
					Total for Check/Tran - 115682:	1,308.07
115683	6/24/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc	35.80
					Weekly Svc	38.14
					Weekly Svc	27.73
					Weekly Svc	45.03
					Weekly Svc	18.39
					Total for Check/Tran - 115683:	165.09
115842	7/1/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Rail Mounting Adapter	16.32
					Clevis Eye-Y	2,303.08
					SCE Back Panel	157.76
					Conn, LV, CMC#NSM500-6ASLIU	2,984.55
					Total for Check/Tran - 115842:	5,461.71
115843	7/1/26	DD	793	BELL LUMBER & POLE, INC.	Poles	32,668.70

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115844	7/1/26	DD	3828	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	Acoustic Imaging Camera	18,225.10
					Padlock Seals	5,113.60
					BOLTS MACH 3/4 X 14, Hubbell	21.00
					BOLTS MACH 5/8 X 14, Hubbell	12.29
					Total for Check/Tran - 115844:	23,371.99
115845	7/1/26	DD	1810	CARLSON SALES METERING SOLUTION	Meter Base/Switch	1,506.88
115846	7/1/26	DD	11251	CIRCLE P INSTALLATIONS, LLC	Audio Equipment/Install Auditorium	49,356.90
115847	7/1/26	DD	10491	KELLY R COBB	Parts Pickup	86.00
115848	7/1/26	DD	57	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIB	Conduit	35,825.66
					Conduit	11,210.75
					Material	485.25
					CONDUIT PVC SCH 40	282.88
					Credit - PO 58699 - Inv 3627-1135979 L-4	-485.25
					CONDUIT PVC SCH 40 6 IN, JM EAGLE	485.25
					Total for Check/Tran - 115848:	47,804.54
115849	7/1/26	DD	226	DOBLE ENGINEERING CO	Kit/Test Leads	3,010.42
115850	7/1/26	DD	865	CHRISTOPHER J FOLTA	East/West Superintendent Mtg	51.00
115851	7/1/26	DD	11116	FRONTLINE MEDICAL, PLLC	Recruitment-Physicals & DOT Screens	220.00
115852	7/1/26	DD	11252	GALLAGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC.	HealthInvest FSA Monthly Fee	108.00
115853	7/1/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	Crossarm,Comm Fiberglass Tangent	10,060.74
					BOLTS MACH 3/4 X 14, Threaded Fasteners	53.32
					BOLTS MACH 5/8 X 14, Threaded Fasteners	17.84
					Vise Top Stringing Tool	2,345.29
					Insul Sus 4 in Dead End	2,381.41
					Total for Check/Tran - 115853:	14,858.60
115854	7/1/26	DD	2798	JESSIE E GRAD	East/West Superintendent Mtg	107.74

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115855	7/1/26	DD	2087	H2 PRECAST, INC.	Vault Base/Lid		11,097.60
115856	7/1/26	DD	374	HOWARD INDUSTRIES, INC.	Transformers		22,001.54
115857	7/1/26	DD	3018	HRA VEBA TRUST	ER VEBA CDHP		1,020.88
					ER VEBA		11,450.00
					ER VEBA Wellness		21,300.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115857:	33,770.88
115858	7/1/26	DD	1818	IBEW LOCAL 77	IBEW A Dues Assessment		5,821.15
					IBEW BA Dues Assessment		5,743.59
						Total for Check/Tran - 115858:	11,564.74
115859	7/1/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	BOLTS MACH 3/4 X 14 Aluma Form		44.23
					BOLTS MACH 3/4 X 14, Cooper		29.38
					BOLTS MACH 5/8 X 14 Aluma Form		21.65
					BOLTS MACH 5/8 X 14 Cooper/Eaton		17.29
					CUTOUT, 15 KV		11,243.96
					Transformers		6,336.51
					Nuts, Oval Eye, 5/8 IN		413.44
						Total for Check/Tran - 115859:	18,106.46
115860	7/1/26	DD	877	CHRISTOPHER N JOHNSON	NEEA Board Mtg		757.54
115861	7/1/26	DD	10301	KEITH A MERCER	Tuition Reimbursement		3,280.00
115862	7/1/26	DD	950	MSA VEBA TRUST	VEBA PL Cash Out		105,495.57
115863	7/1/26	DD	10769	ONEBRIDGE BENEFITS INC.	Flex Spending Dependent Care		288.47
					Flex Spending Health Care		3,058.81
						Total for Check/Tran - 115863:	3,347.28
115864	7/1/26	DD	3953	PACIFIC BACKFLOW SERVICES, LLC	Professional Svc		482.62
					Professional Svc		482.63
					Professional Svc		558.72
						Total for Check/Tran - 115864:	1,523.97

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115865	7/1/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing		239.36
					Monthly Billing		245.24
					Monthly Billing		163.34
						Total for Check/Tran - 115865:	647.94
115866	7/1/26	DD	10671	PRINCIPAL BANK	EE Vision		61.22
					ER Vision		2,991.94
					EE Health		10,432.98
					ER Health		246,971.37
					EE Dental		378.05
					ER Dental		17,736.93
						Total for Check/Tran - 115866:	278,572.49
115867	7/1/26	DD	985	SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC	Monthly Billing		608.97
115868	7/1/26	DD	2490	TRI CITIES AREA JOURNAL OF BUSINES	Advertising		1,730.00
					Advertising		1,150.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 115868:	2,880.00
115869	7/1/26	DD	1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing-Rabben		88.67
					Clothing-Isakson		94.11
					Clothing-Fleenor		94.11
						Total for Check/Tran - 115869:	276.89
115870	7/1/26	DD	1048	UNITED WAY OF BENTON & FRANKLIN	EE United Way Contribution		417.23
115871	7/1/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc		45.03
					Weekly Svc		27.73
					Weekly Svc		35.80
					Weekly Svc		38.14
					Weekly Svc		18.39
						Total for Check/Tran - 115871:	165.09
115872	7/1/26	DD	205	WASHINGTON STATE AUDITOR'S OFFI	Auditing Svc		494.26
					Auditing Svc		15,097.70

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Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
						Total for Check/Tran - 115872:	15,591.96

Total Payments for Bank Account - 1 :	(125)	1,852,324.89
Total Voids for Bank Account - 1 :	(0)	0.00
Total for Bank Account - 1 :	(125)	1,852,324.89

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06/15/2026 To 07/03/2026

Bank Account: 2 - BPUD Accounts Payable Warrants

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount	
88239	7/18/24	CHK	99999	CHRISTOPHER DURAN	Credit Balance Refund		169.09	VOID
88558	9/4/24	CHK	99999	CARINA OFRANCIA	Credit Balance Refund		461.03	VOID
89219	11/20/24	CHK	99999	ADEGBOYEGA OLAJIDE	Credit Balance Refund		42.42	VOID
90144	5/28/25	CHK	99999	KAT L REIGN	Credit Balance Refund		19.07	VOID
90324	6/25/25	CHK	99999	SCOUT M KUTSCHARA	Credit Balance Refund		291.05	VOID
92373	6/17/26	CHK	1751	AGRI NORTHWEST, INC.	Agricultural Energy Efficiency Prg		1,132.79	
92374	6/17/26	CHK	258	APOLLO MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	REEP		1,200.00	
92375	6/17/26	CHK	39	BENTON COUNTY	Easement Recording Fees 746221		318.50	
					Easement Recording Fees 763354		305.50	
					Easement Recording Fees 765187		306.50	
					Easement Recording Fees 769535		305.50	
					Easement Recording Fees 772243		306.50	
						Total for Check/Tran - 92375:	1,542.50	
92376	6/17/26	CHK	593	BENTON FRANKLIN FAIR ASSOCIATIO	2026 Sponsorhsip		6,500.00	
92377	6/17/26	CHK	614	BOB RHODES HEATING & AC, INC.	REEP		1,200.00	
					REEP		400.00	
						Total for Check/Tran - 92377:	1,600.00	
92378	6/17/26	CHK	233	INTERMOUNTAIN WEST INSULATION	REEP		1,740.00	
					REEP		1,015.92	
						Total for Check/Tran - 92378:	2,755.92	
92379	6/17/26	CHK	10076	MAGNUM POWER, LLC	Sunheaven Sub 3		505.19	
92380	6/17/26	CHK	1233	MASCOTT EQUIPMENT CO INC.	Material		2,214.08	
92381	6/17/26	CHK	10954	MILLERS ELECTRIC SERVICE, LLC	Meter Repair/Replace		870.40	
92382	6/17/26	CHK	128	PERFECTION GLASS, INC.	REEP		738.00	

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Bank Account: 2 - BPUD Accounts Payable Warrants

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
92383	6/17/26	CHK	11210	PUBLIC UTILITY DIST. NO.1 OF FERRY	CWPU UIP Expense		1,848.33
92384	6/17/26	CHK	2699	TOTAL ENERGY MANAGEMENT & HVA	REEP		400.00
					REEP		400.00
					Commercial Energy Efficiency Prg		8,000.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 92384:	8,800.00
92385	6/17/26	CHK	992	VERIZON NORTHWEST	Monthly Billing		3,210.80
92386	6/17/26	CHK	172	WASH STATE DEPT TRANSPORTATION	Utility Permit		150.00
92387	6/17/26	CHK	10649	ZIPLY FIBER	Monthly Billing		125.44
92388	6/17/26	CHK	99999	GREGORY FINN	Interview Candidate		588.48
92389	6/17/26	CHK	99999	CARINA OFRANCIA	Credit Balance Refund		461.03
92390	6/17/26	CHK	99999	KAT L REIGN	Credit Balance Refund		19.07
92391	6/24/26	CHK	1733	ATOMIC SCREEN PRINTING & EMBROI	Employee Clothing		39.19
					Employee Clothing		30.44
						Total for Check/Tran - 92391:	69.63
92392	6/24/26	CHK	259	BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACTI	Helping Hands		1,454.99
92393	6/24/26	CHK	35	BENTON PUD - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT D	Monthly Billing		336.08
92394	6/24/26	CHK	54	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	Permit		250.00
					Permit		650.00
						Total for Check/Tran - 92394:	900.00
92395	6/24/26	CHK	2831	CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES	Office Furniture		3,908.44
92396	6/24/26	CHK	379	PURMS JOINT SELF INSURANCE FUND	Purm Liability General Assessment		46,064.38
92397	6/24/26	CHK	2648	RAILROAD MANAGEMENT COMPANY I	License Fees		1,016.32
					License Fees		458.76
						Total for Check/Tran - 92397:	1,475.08

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
92398	6/24/26	CHK	141	RICHLAND, CITY OF	Fiber Lease	1,468.80
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	587.52
					Fiber Lease	587.52
					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	293.76
					Fiber Lease	293.76
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					Fiber Lease	146.88
					Fiber Lease	146.88

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
					Fiber Lease		146.88
						Total for Check/Tran - 92398:	8,225.28
92399	6/24/26	CHK	252	TRI CITY REGIONAL CHAMBER OF CO	Annual Stakeholder Level Investment		12,000.00
92400	6/24/26	CHK	1397	UMATILLA ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE	Tower Clamp		156.67
					Tower Clamp		-12.67
						Total for Check/Tran - 92400:	144.00
92401	6/24/26	CHK	100	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF WASHINGT	Monthly Billing		1,319.69
					Monthly Billing		389.80
					Monthly Billing		764.92
						Total for Check/Tran - 92401:	2,474.41
92402	6/24/26	CHK	99999	A DIVINE TOUCH OF AFRIKA LLC	Credit Balance Refund		163.98
92403	6/24/26	CHK	99999	ISAAC BARAJAS	Credit Balance Refund		19.95
92404	6/24/26	CHK	99999	RYAN T BENNETT	Credit Balance Refund		44.48
92405	6/24/26	CHK	99999	RICHARD A BEVERLY	Credit Balance Refund		2,191.10
92406	6/24/26	CHK	99999	NAARA S BRITO PACHECO	Credit Balance Refund		411.36
92407	6/24/26	CHK	99999	CISCO CIRIANO	Credit Balance Refund		45.96
92408	6/24/26	CHK	99999	CHRISTOPHER DURAN	Credit Balance Refund		169.09
92409	6/24/26	CHK	99999	JULIE GINSBURG	Credit Balance Refund		66.98
92410	6/24/26	CHK	99999	CHRISTI HAYES	Credit Balance Refund		86.71
92411	6/24/26	CHK	99999	THOMAS HIGGINS	Trenching - Replace Service Conductor		1,000.00
92412	6/24/26	CHK	99999	SCOUT M KUTSCHARA	Credit Balance Refund		291.05
92413	6/24/26	CHK	99999	CORINDA LOZANO	Credit Balance Refund		608.64
92414	6/24/26	CHK	99999	JESUS V MONTANO	Credit Balance Refund		77.02

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Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
92415	6/24/26	CHK	99999	ADEGBOYEGA OLAJIDE	Credit Balance Refund	42.42
92416	6/24/26	CHK	99999	JOSE L RAMIREZ	Credit Balance Refund	146.00
92417	6/24/26	CHK	99999	JOSE TEJADA	Credit Balance Refund	126.02
92418	6/24/26	CHK	99999	RYLEE TORPPA	Credit Balance Refund	7.31
92419	6/24/26	CHK	99999	AIDEN TRENT	Credit Balance Refund	5.47
92420	6/24/26	CHK	99999	KAYLA A VOOGD	Credit Balance Refund	127.84
92421	6/24/26	CHK	99999	DALE C WEST	Credit Balance Refund	369.28
92422	7/1/26	CHK	39	BENTON COUNTY	County GIS Prints	31.00
92423	7/1/26	CHK	35	BENTON PUD - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT D	Monthly Billing	566.74
92424	7/1/26	CHK	54	BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	Permit	100.00
92425	7/1/26	CHK	99	KIE SUPPLY CORP	BEND 45 SCH 40 2 IN 24R	722.71
92426	7/1/26	CHK	962	PACIFIC POWER	Monthly Billing	642.14
92427	7/1/26	CHK	170	WASH STATE DEPT LABOR & INDUST	2nd Qtr Ending	72,668.35
92428	7/1/26	CHK	99999	KERRY F ADAMSON	Credit Balance Refund	85.49
92429	7/1/26	CHK	99999	DAKOTA ALDERMAN	Credit Balance Refund	91.84
92430	7/1/26	CHK	99999	WHITNEY L COBB	Credit Balance Refund	54.63
92431	7/1/26	CHK	99999	SUZANNE L CRAWFORD	Credit Balance Refund	44.06
92432	7/1/26	CHK	99999	MICHAELLE DOKKA MORENO	Credit Balance Refund	239.13
92433	7/1/26	CHK	99999	GALDINO HERNANDEZ MARTINEZ	Credit Balance Refund	75.69
92434	7/1/26	CHK	99999	ARTURO GARCIA NUNEZ	Credit Balance Refund	192.66
92435	7/1/26	CHK	99999	WHILIAM GUITRON ARCEO	Credit Balance Refund	110.97

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Bank Account: 2 - BPUD Accounts Payable Warrants

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
92436	7/1/26	CHK	99999	JAIME E HERNANDEZ	Credit Balance Refund	58.40
92437	7/1/26	CHK	99999	DHEYAA S JUMAAH	Credit Balance Refund	821.36
92438	7/1/26	CHK	99999	TERRY L KIRKWOOD	Credit Balance Refund	24.30
92439	7/1/26	CHK	99999	RAMIRO LOPEZ RINCON	Credit Balance Refund	85.53
92440	7/1/26	CHK	99999	KAEDENCE J MIRISCIOTTA	Credit Balance Refund	49.00
92441	7/1/26	CHK	99999	MJ INVESTMENT LLC	Credit Balance Refund	42.54
92442	7/1/26	CHK	99999	CYNTHIA L MOSLEY-CLEARY	Credit Balance Refund	21.43
92443	7/1/26	CHK	99999	NEW T & B WA LLC	Credit Balance Refund	299.57
92444	7/1/26	CHK	99999	INRRY PENA	Credit Balance Refund	8.36
92445	7/1/26	CHK	99999	JOSE A PENALOZA TAPIA	Credit Balance Refund	237.97
92446	7/1/26	CHK	99999	JUAN M RAMIREZ ANAYA	Credit Balance Refund	38.44
92447	7/1/26	CHK	99999	JOAN L RONCK	Credit Balance Refund	437.48
92448	7/1/26	CHK	99999	GREGORY SOMA	Credit Balance Refund	96.75
92449	7/1/26	CHK	99999	ERIKA Y TOVAR	Credit Balance Refund	15.43

Total Payments for Bank Account - 2 :	(77)	195,176.95
Total Voids for Bank Account - 2 :	(5)	982.66
Total for Bank Account - 2 :	(82)	196,159.61
Grand Total for Payments :	(202)	2,047,501.84
Grand Total for Voids :	(5)	982.66
Grand Total :	(207)	2,048,484.50

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Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
7632	6/15/26	WIRE	2570	THE ENERGY AUTHORITY, INC.	Purchased Power		35,986.18
7633	6/15/26	WIRE	436	BANK OF AMERICA	Banking Fees		1,740.23
7635	6/18/26	WIRE	2205	UNITED STATES TREASURY	Federal Income Tax		93,786.77
					Medicare - Employee		11,377.31
					Medicare - Employer		11,377.31
					Social Security - Employee		48,246.98
					Social Security - Employer		48,246.98
						Total for Check/Tran - 7635:	213,035.35
7636	6/18/26	WIRE	171	WASH STATE DEPT RETIREMENT SYS	ER PERS		43,647.20
					PERS Plan 2		38,863.82
					PERS Plan 3A 5% All Ages		1,608.03
					PERS Plan 3B 5% Up to Age 35		266.40
					PERS Plan 3B 6% Age 35-45		334.62
					PERS Plan 3E 10% All Ages		1,676.77
						Total for Check/Tran - 7636:	86,396.84
7637	6/18/26	WIRE	169	ENERGY NORTHWEST	Public Power Internship Prg		4,750.00
					Purchased Power		141,034.66
						Total for Check/Tran - 7637:	145,784.66
7638	6/18/26	WIRE	2902	WHITE CREEK WIND I, LLC	Purchased Power		101,593.00
7639	6/22/26	WIRE	1567	MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT	457(b) Leave EE Contribution		1,527.39
					457(b) Roth EE Contribution		21,819.59
					ER Def Comp 401		23,282.22
					ER Def Comp 457		3,408.69
					Plan A 457(b) Employee Contribution		6,118.90
					Plan B 457(b) Employee Contribution		20,704.32
					Plan C 401(a) Option 1 EE Contribution		3,738.83
					Plan C 401(a) Option 2 EE Contribution		2,636.95
					Plan C 401(a) Option 3 EE Contribution		620.38

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Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran	Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference		Amount
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 1 EE Contri		231.23
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 2 EE Contri		1,184.78
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 3 EE Contri		2,644.77
					Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 4 EE Contri		1,396.68
					Plan C 401(a) Option 5, Step 4 EE Contri		1,471.24
					Plan C 457(b) Employee Contribution		5,751.27
					Pre-Retire 457(b) Employee Contribution		1,884.62
					457 EE Loan Repayment #1		3,862.59
					457 EE Loan Repayment #2		679.39
					457 EE Loan Repayment #3		57.03
					457 EE Loan Repayment #4		71.97
					457 EE Loan Repayment #5		96.34
					Total for Check/Tran - 7639:		103,189.18
7642	6/29/26	WIRE	246	BONNEVILLE POWER ADMIN	Purchased Power		5,978,113.00
7643	6/29/26	WIRE	2800	LL&P WIND ENERGY, INC.	Purchased Power		65,839.62
7644	6/26/26	WIRE	424	WASH STATE DEPT REVENUE-EXCISE T	Utility Tax		484,732.77
					Use Tax		22,308.74
					Retailing & Wholesaling Tax		1,015.11
					Service Tax		13,699.21
					Total for Check/Tran - 7644:		521,755.83
					Total for Bank Account - 1 :	(10)	7,253,433.89
					Grand Total :	(10)	7,253,433.89

BENTON PUD - RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION REBATE DETAIL

Date	Customer	Rebate Amount	Rebate Description
06/23/2026	BRIGITTE LORINO	$ 30.00	Rebate - Washer
06/23/2026	BRIGITTE LORINO	$ 50.00	Rebate - Dryer
06/11/2026	SARAH J GLASS	$ 900.00	Rebate - Heat Pump Water Heater
06/30/2026	THERESA COLTON	$ 250.00	Rebate - Electric Vehicle
		$ 1,230.00	

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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Work Order 748215 – Clearwater North Phase 2	
Authored by:	Tina Glines	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ness	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Evan Edwards	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☒ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract/Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion approving work order 748215 to serve Clearwater North phase 2 development.

Background/Summary

Developer requested underground electric facilities necessary to serve 73 townhomes to be developed north of Clearwater Ave in Kennewick WA. The construction of underground electric facilities is necessary for the developer to prepare the land for development.

Recommendation

Approval of work order 748215 will authorize the construction of underground electric facilities necessary to serve 73 townhomes and meet the initial request for electric service by the developer of the Clearwater North phase 2 development.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated project cost is $135,540.06. The developer contribution in aid to construction (CIAC) is $128,027.83. The District will provide a line extension credit for transformer expenses of $3,666.15 and cover the estimated travel expenses of $3,846.08. District costs not paid by the developer are accounted for in the Customer Base Growth portion of the annual budget.

Projects to be Presented at the Benton PUD
Commission Meeting On
July 14, 2026

Project Name: Clearwater North Phase 2 **WO#:** 748215

Location: North of Clearwater Ave, East of 10th Ave

Justification: Developer request to develop land and install power facilities.

Location Map

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14th, 2026	
Subject:	Columbia River Steel Tower Structural Evaluation – Ardurra Group LLC.	
Authored by:	Shanna Everson	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Evan Edwards	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Evan Edwards	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☐ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion to Approve Work Order # - 764973 – Columbia River Lattice Tower Structural Evaluation

Background/Summary

The Angus Franklin 115kV Transmission Line, owned by the District and leased to Bonneville Power Administration, provides redundant transmission service to District's Vista and Angus Substations. The line includes Columbia River crossing near the Cable Bridge in Kennewick.

The Columbia River crossing portion of the line consists of three steel lattice towers constructed in the 1910s and have previously undergone structural evaluations in 1991 and 2015, with all recommended modifications completed. Due to the age and importance of these structures, an updated engineering evaluation is necessary to verify their continued structural adequacy and establish a current baseline for future inspections and asset management.

Since the 2015 evaluation, Commonwealth Associates became Perteet and, in September 2025, became part of Ardurra Group LLC. Paul Reed, P.E., who served as the Project Manager for the 2015 structural evaluation, remains with Ardurra and will serve as Project Manager for this project. This continuity provides valuable historical knowledge of the structures, previous analyses, and knowledge of the completed modifications.

Recommendation

Recommend approval of Work Order #764973 in the amount of $107,250 to complete the structural evaluation of the Columbia River 115 kV lattice towers, including a professional services agreement with Ardurra Group LLC and Benton PUD Engineering labor.

Fiscal Impact

The total estimated project cost is $107,250, consisting of a $102,250 professional services agreement with Ardurra Group LLC and $5000 in Benton PUD Engineering labor for project management. The 2026 capital budget included $107,960 for this effort. The cost associated with this evaluation is expected to be reimbursed by Bonneville Power Administration through the current lease agreement with them for the Angus-Franklin 115-kV Transmission line, Contract No. 95-23-01.

Fiscal Impact

Projects to be Presented at the
Benton PUD Commission Meeting
On
July 14th, 2026

Project Name: Columbia River Steel Tower Evaluation **WO#:** 764973

Location: Crossing on the Columbia River at Clover island

Justification: Evaluate the structural condition of the three lattice transmission towers crossing the Columbia River.

Location Map

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Completion and Acceptance of Contract #24-15-01 – Absco Solutions	
Authored by:	Levi Lanphear	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☒ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion authorizing the General Manager on behalf of the District to sign Contract Project Completion and Acceptance for Camera Project by Absco Solutions Contract # 24-15-01, in the amount of $552,208.49 including Washington State sales tax in accordance with RCW 54.04.080.

Background/Summary

The District entered into a contract on March 27, 2024, with Absco Solutions for the Camera Project. This work was completed and accepted by the District on January 19, 2026.

Recommendation

The work for this project by Absco Solutions has been completed and the invoices have been received and paid; therefore, the retainage can be released.

Fiscal Impact

This project completion and acceptance will have no additional fiscal impact on the District.

PROJECT COMPLETION AND ACCEPTANCE
(Contracts $120,000 before tax and greater)

TO: Commission/General Manager
BENTON PUD

CONTRACT NUMBER : 24-15-01

PO NUMBER : 57020

The following information is submitted to the Commission/General Manager after being reviewed and certified as being accurate by District staff. The work has been fully completed and approved by the staff.

CONTRACT TITLE	: Camera Project
CONTRACT DESCRIPTION	: Cameras: Main, Prosser, Road, Gate, Pole Yard, & Lobby
CONTRACTOR NAME	: Absco Solutions
UBI NUMBER	: 600260973
AFFIDAVIT NUMBER	: 1531760
DATE WORK COMMENCED	: 05/06/2024
DATE WORK COMPLETED	: 01/19/2026
DATE ACCEPTED BY STAFF	: 01/28/2026
CONTRACT BID AMOUNT	: $526,131.00
CONTRACT ADDITIONS	: ($18,119.51)
ACTUAL CONTRACT AMOUNT	: $508,011.49

FINAL INVOICE AMOUNT	: $508,011.49
TOTAL SALES TAX PAID	: $44,197.00
TOTAL CONTRACT AMOUNT PAID	: $552,208.49
AMOUNT RETAINED	: $25,400.54

Submitted by: Date:

Accepted by Commission:______________________ ______________________________
(Date) Michelle Ochweri, Manager of Procurement

Bonding Co. ______________________________

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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	7/14/2026	
Subject:	Contract #22-15-01 (State Contract #05819) Change Order #6 – CompuNet, Inc.	
Authored by:	Duane Crum	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Duane Crum	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jennifer Holbrook	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☒ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☒ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion to authorize the General Manager on behalf of the District to sign Change Order #6 of Contract #22-15-01 (Washington State Contract #05819) with CompuNet, Inc., to extend the contract through June 30, 2027; and increase the not-to-exceed amount by $1,200,000.00, bringing the new not-to-exceed amount to $4,744,000.00.

Background/Summary

The District has used CompuNet, a qualified Cisco Certified reseller, for the last 16 years to purchase Cisco computing equipment and hardware support services (contract #22-15-01). CompuNet is included on the National Association of State Procurement Officials ValuePoint (NVP) Data Communications Agreement #AR3227 and offers pricing in accordance with that contract. NVP is used by the State of Washington to deliver the best value, reliable, competitively sourced contracts offering public entities outstanding pricing and value adds.

The NVP Cisco Master Agreement #AR3227 is a "discount off list price" contract. Contract pricing is benchmarked to the approved NVP and/or Participating Entity Contract Price List as updated and posted on the Cisco and NVP contract webpages. Minimum contract discounts on the NVP Contract Price List have been established for eligible purchasers and is firm for the contract term.

The District has used CompuNet, Inc. since 2010 for similar services, and they have always provided exceptional equipment pricing as well as product and service support. The contract will allow for quicker response times when purchasing Cisco equipment and keeping all the District's relevant hardware with a single vendor for support and maintenance agreements. These maintenance agreements include support computer equipment such as firewalls, switches, routers, software, intrusion detections systems, and datacenter servers.

Recommendation

I recommend that the District extend contract with CompuNet, Inc. for procurement of Cisco computing equipment and hardware support services utilizing Washington State contract #05819 for an additional year and increase the not-to-exceed amount by $1,200,000.00 plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax.

Fiscal Impact

2026/2027 Information Technology Departments 15, 3, and 20 Budgets include line items specific to the procurement of Cisco equipment and support services that total $1,200,000.00

CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Contract #: 22-15-01
Change Order #: 6
Vendor Name: CompuNet, Inc
E-Mail: JKELLEY@COMPUNET.BIZ
Effective Date: 07/14/2026
Contract Work Manager: Duane Crum
Contract Title: Cisco Computing Support Services

Change Order Description:

Change order to extend the contract term through June 30, 2027, and increase the contract total by $1,200,000.00 for a new total not-to-exceed amount of $4,744,,000.00.

Change order Total:	$1,200,000.00
Original Contract Total:	$2,437,000.00
New Contract Total:	$4,744,000.00

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND AFFECT
The District is a public entity subject to the disclosure requirements of the Washington Public Records Act of RCW 42.56.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY	COMPUNET, INC.
BY:	BY:
PRINT:	PRINT:
TITLE:	TITLE:
DATE:	DATE:

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14th 2026	
Subject:	2026 Meter Exchange Project (Spring) – Surplus of Equipment - Resolution 2733	
Authored by:	Duane Szendre	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Chris Folta	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2733 declaring certain meters surplus to District needs according to the laws of the State of Washington, title 54, RCW 54.16.180, and authorizing the general Manager, on behalf of the District to dispose of the meters exchanged during 2026 Meter Exchange Project (Spring).

Background/Summary

Periodically, the District surpluses equipment that has become obsolete and provides no additional value in the operation or maintenance of the District's electrical system.

The meters itemized on the attached document are from the 2026 Meter Exchange Project (Spring) and are no longer necessary, material to, or useful in the District's operation.

Recommendation

I recommend that we dispose of the meters that have completed their life cycle.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2733

July 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION DECLARING CERTAIN EQUIPMENT SURPLUS TO DISTRICT NEEDS

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County is desirous of disposing of certain surplus equipment that is unserviceable, obsolete, worn out, unfit, inadequate and/or no longer necessary, material to, and useful in its operations, and

WHEREAS, the laws of the State of Washington, Title 54, Revised Code of Washington, Chapter 54 Section 16.180, provided the necessary authority for the District to dispose of said equipment, Now, Therefore,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County declares the equipment listed below surplus because it is unserviceable, obsolete, worn out, unfit, inadequate and/or no longer necessary, material to, and useful in the District's operations, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is authorized to dispose of this equipment per District policies.

(METERS - AS SHOWN ON ATTACHED LIST)

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Jeff D. Hall, President

Attest:

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Michael D. Massey, Secretary

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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	2026 – 2nd Quarter Procurement Contracts – Activity Report	
Authored by:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☐ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☒ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None.

Background/Summary

Prior to January 1, 2024, the Procurement Department tracked all contracts utilizing an Access database and generated two reports in compliance with Resolution No. 2511 (Contract Activity) and Resolution No. 2128 (Broadband Service Order Report). Effective January 1, 2024, this information has been transitioned to a new contract management system designed to enhance accessibility, streamline tracking, and improve reporting efficiency.

Attached is a combined report summarizing all contract activity for the second quarter of 2026. There are no tariff charges to report for this quarter since the maximum tariff fees have stated level for the past few months on goods, materials, and equipment. The Procurement Department has initiated a quarterly review process to monitor tariffs paid and evaluate their impact on District costs. A separate Tariff Report for each quarter is included when there are tariff fees to report; providing a detailed summary of tariffs incurred and their corresponding financial implications.

Recommendation

Information for Reference and Review only.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

BPUD Procurement Contracts - 2026 Q2

All Contracts that Started, were Changed, or have a Commission Approval Date in 2026 Q2

Contract #	Vendor	Contract Title	Description (Co)	Recievable / Payable	Oiginal End Date	Original NTE $	Current End Date	Current NTE $	Commission Date
12 - Government Relations									
26-12-06	Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo	2026 Benton Franklin Fair & Rodeo Grand Parade		Payable	08/28/2026	$6,500	08/28/2026	$6,500	
26-12-05	Pasco Chamber of Commerce	RiverFest 2026		Payable	10/30/2026	$9,500	10/30/2026	$9,500	
14 - General Accounting									
21-02-03	Fiduciary Consulting Group (Hyas Group LLC)	Institutional Retirement Plan Consulting Services	#3 - Extend this contract with Morgan Stanley Institutional Investment Advisors, LLC, DBA Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG) previously known as Hyas Group, LLC (HyasGroup) for one additional and final year through June 30, 2027	Payable	06/30/2024	$117,000	06/30/2027	$141,000	06/09/2026
15 - IT Infrastructure									
26-15-02	Circle P Installations	Auditorium Audio Visual Replacement		Payable	05/15/2026	$47,550	05/15/2026	$47,550	
17 - Procurement									
26-44-19	David Woods	David Woods - Pay As You Go		Receivable	06/01/2036	$0	06/01/2036	$0	
26-17-01	The Public Group	Public Surplus Website		Receivable	05/26/2031	$0	05/26/2031	$0	

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18 - IT Applications									
26-18-02	Absco Solutions	Access Control & Intrusion Detection Systems Maintenance		Receivable	04/30/2027	$37,780	04/30/2027	$37,780	
26-18-03	National Information Solution	Conduct a Business Process Consultation for Work Management			06/30/2027	$7,000	06/30/2027	$7,000	
25-18-08	National Information Solutions Cooperative (NISC)	Annual Agreement for NISC's Enterprise Software Solutions	#2 - Proxy Server VM	Payable	12/31/2026	$955,000	12/31/2026	$955,000	11/25/2025
23-22-115	TopCon Solutions Store	GNSS/GPS Data Collector System and Software	#3 - Update contact info and CWM change from Everson to Holbrook.	Payable	02/28/2025	$50,000	02/27/2030	$50,520	
2 - Human Resources									
26-02-02	Energy Northwest	Public Power Internship Program 2026		Payable	10/31/2026	$4,750	10/31/2026	$4,750	
20 - Operational Technology									
26-20-01	Anterix, Inc.	Acquisition of licensed 900 MHz spectrum		Payable	04/30/2028	$771,000	04/30/2028	$771,000	04/14/2026
26-20-03	Federal Engineering Inc.	Consulting & Engineering Services for pLTE project		Payable	12/31/2029	$255,000	12/31/2029	$255,000	05/26/2026
21 - Engineering									
26-21-04	Anixter Inc.	Padmount Switchgear - PME-9		Payable	11/24/2026	$130,112	11/24/2026	$130,112	04/14/2026
24-21-20	Electrical Consulting, Inc.	General Consulting & Engineering Services	#1 - Change order to extend the contract term through December 31, 2026, and reallocate remaining funds from line item # 4 ($2,667.50) to the existing total of line item # 1 ($431.50) of the contract purchase order, for a new line 1 total of $3,109.00.	Payable		$75,000	12/31/2026	$75,000	

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21 - Engineering									
26-21-10	National Rural electric Cooperative Association	NRECA's Member - Only Distribution Automation Toolkit			03/31/2036	$0	03/31/2036	$0	
26-21-09	Stripe Rite, LLC	Traffic Control, 10th Ave and Union St. to Edison St.		Payable	08/31/2026	$82,450	08/31/2026	$82,450	
22 - Customer Engineering									
26-22-01	NFC Northwest, LLC	Joint Use Pole Attachment Agreement		Receivable	05/13/2031	$0	05/14/2031	$0	
00-22-03	Washington State University	Washington State University Supplies Agreement	#2 - Change order to extend the term of the contract through May 30, 2031, and update contract contact information.	Receivable	09/24/2001	$0	05/30/2031	$0	
11-22-01	Ziply Fiber Pacific	Pole Attachement License Agreement	#1 - Change order to change the vendor name from Wholesail Networks to Ziply Fiber Pacific, and update contract contact, CWM, department, and GL codes.	Receivable		$0	12/31/2030	$0	
31 - Operations									
26-31-05	Benton REA	2026 EPZ Grounding Training		Receivable	06/30/2026	$1,790	06/30/2026	$1,790	
26-31-03	City of Richland	2026 EPZ Grounding Training		Receivable	06/30/2026	$1,575	06/30/2026	$1,575	
26-31-02	Franklin PUD	2026 EPZ Grounding Training		Receivable	06/30/2026	$1,432	06/30/2026	$1,432	
26-31-01	Written In Red	2026 EPZ Grounding Training		Payable	06/30/2026	$10,454	06/30/2026	$10,454	

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32 - Supt of Transm & Distribtution									
22-32-01	Alamon Inc	Wood Pole Inspection & Treatment	#6 - Extend term of contract and increase funding	Payable	12/31/2022	$179,829	12/31/2026	$1,053,699	04/14/2026
26-32-01	National Auto Fleet Group	Two 2027 Ford Super Duty F-350 Truck with Stahl Service Body Package	#1 - CO to update the model years of these two vehicles from 2026 to 2027.	Payable	11/19/2026	$242,936	11/19/2026	$242,936	02/10/2026
33 - Supt of Operations									
26-31-04	Big Bend Electric Cooperative	2026 EPZ Grounding Training - MOU		Receivable	06/30/2026	$1,288	06/30/2026	$1,288	
13-33-01	City of Richland (Fire)	Radio Site Co-Location Agreement	#13 - Units remained the same increase in DNR fees and CPI 2026	Receivable	01/22/2037	$0	12/31/2026	$0	01/22/2037
26-18-01	Doble Engineering Company	2026-2029 Software support for leased test equipment		Payable	04/14/2029	$14,781	04/14/2029	$14,781	
35 - Transformer Shop									
26-35-01	SD Myers	Oil Testing		Payable	05/25/2029	$102,000	05/25/2029	$102,000	
38 - Support Services									
26-38-01	ATS Inland NW, LLC	Upgrade HVAC Controls for Operations Building		Payable	07/31/2026	$123,480	07/31/2026	$123,480	02/10/2026
26-38-03	Coffman Engineering	Mechanical and Electrical Engineering - Heat Pumps Replacements Adm. Bldg.	#1 - extend term of contract to 12/31/2026	Payable	05/30/2026	$27,000	12/31/2026	$27,000	
25-38-03	Meier Architecture & Engineering	Architecture & Engineering - Kennewick Administration Lobby Project	#4 - Change order to add scope of work to file permit application for project	Receivable	03/31/2026	$46,000	12/31/2026	$51,363	
26-38-04	Turner & Townsend Heery, LLC	Construction Management Services (Project Manager)		Payable	12/31/2026	$20,000	12/31/2026	$20,000	
44 - Customer Service									
26-44-16	Adrian Trevino	Adrian Trevino - Pay As You Go		Receivable	04/30/2036	$0	04/30/2036	$0	

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44 - Customer Service									
26-44-17	Brenda Madrigal	Brenda Madrigal - Pay As You Go		Receivable	05/20/2036	$0	05/20/2036	$0	
26-44-18	Connor OConnor	Connor OConnor - Pay As You Go		Receivable	05/28/2036	$0	05/28/2036	$0	
26-44-15	David Palmer	David Palmer - Pay As You Go		Receivable	04/30/2036	$0	04/30/2036	$0	
26-44-20	Don Mace	Don Mace - Pay As You Go		Receivable	06/08/2036	$0	06/08/2036	$0	
26-44-22	Gabriela Garcia	Gabriela Garcia - Pay As You GO		Receivable	06/24/2036	$0	06/24/2036	$0	
26-44-13	Kayla Clawson	Kayla Clawson - Pay As You Go		Receivable	04/09/2036	$0	04/09/2036	$0	
26-44-14	Sean Kennedy	Sean Kennedy - Pay As You Go		Receivable	04/15/2036	$0	04/15/2036	$0	
45 - Energy Programs									
26-45-40	ALex Plata	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
23-22-91	Andrea Antypas	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#2 - Transferred from Tomi Liefke to Andrea Antypas	Payable	12/31/2033	$0	12/31/2033	$0	
21-21-69	Bonnie Jones	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#2 - Transferred from Yekaterina Peganova & Diego Anaya to Bonnie Jones	Payable	12/31/2031	$0	12/31/2031		
25-45-178	Cassi Fraumeni	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Cassi Fraumeni	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	
24-22-99	Cathy Kelly	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from David McCarroll to Cathy Kelly	Payable	10/21/2034	$0	12/31/2034	$0	
19-45-08	City Of Benton City	Interlocal for Benton City Owned Street Lights	#2 - Contract Work Manager changed from C. Johnson to Michelle Ness per department conversations		03/01/2024	$0	03/01/2026	$0	
26-45-49	Clinton & Anna Bush	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	

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45 - Energy Programs									
22-21-202	Cole Holland	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#3 - Transferred from Seleni Rivera to Cole Holland	Payable	12/31/2032	$0	12/31/2032	$0	
26-45-11	Craig Hobbs	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Prodigy Homes to Craig Hobbs	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
25-45-60	Dana & Jared Petersen	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Jackson Ventures LLP to Danna & Jared Petersen	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	
26-45-05	Diana Whitehead	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Diana Whitehead	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
18-21-19	Edgar Mora	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Darrell & Judith McCullough to Edgar Mora	Payable	12/31/2028		12/31/2028		
22-21-73	Eleanor Mastrosimone	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Ryan Kim to Eleanor Mastrosimone	Payable	12/31/2032		12/31/2032		
26-45-32	Gary Ledgerwood	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#2 - Transferred from Titan Homes to Gary Ledgerwood	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
22-21-85	Heidi Gomez	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Hayden Pitman to Heidi Gomez	Payable	12/31/2032		12/31/2032		
26-45-43	Hilda Villarreal	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
24-22-45	Israel Zuniga	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Israel Zuniga to Anthony Zilar	Payable	07/07/2031	$0	12/31/2034	$0	
26-45-06	Jay Loera	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Prodigy Homes to Jay Loera	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-16	Jennifer Martin	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Jennifer Martin	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
22-21-304	Jillian Merk	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Kylene Peters to Jillian Merk	Payable	12/31/2032		12/31/2032		

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45 - Energy Programs									
25-45-128	Jon Banker	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Brett Lott Homes to Jon Banker	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	
26-45-12	Kasha Holverson	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - The installer changed the position of the onsite meters from the positions shown on the previously approved site plan.	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-46	Kellen & Mindy Stromberg	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
21-21-155	Kevin Cummings	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from John & Diane Burke to Kevin Cummmings	Payable	12/31/2031		12/31/2031		
26-45-42	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-52	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036		12/31/2036		
26-45-53	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-54	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-55	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-56	Landmark Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
18-21-166	Lane Braaten	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#2 - Transferred from Swift River Properties LLC to Lane Braaten	Payable	12/31/2028	$0	12/31/2028	$0	
25-45-75	Lynne Bain	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Lynne Bain	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	

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45 - Energy Programs									
14-21-07	Melissa Crump	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Gail & Newell Crary to Melissa Crump	Payable	12/31/2024		12/31/2030		
25-45-194	Pablo Albarran	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Pablo Albarran	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	
23-22-34	Patricia Lozano	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Shahtese Gable to Patricia Lozano	Payable	12/31/2033		12/31/2033		
26-45-45	Prodigy Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-39	Prodigy Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-60	Prodigy Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-61	Prodigy Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-62	Prodigy Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-48	Rich & Julie Kennard	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
25-45-203	Robert Williams	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Landmark Homes to Robert Williams	Payable	12/31/2035	$0	12/31/2035	$0	
26-45-59	Sandhollow Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-44	Shawn & Tiffany Lafortune	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-38	Three Rivers Convention Center	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	

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45 - Energy Programs									
26-45-33	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Address changed from 208 Scott Rd. to 204 Scott Rd.	Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-41	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036		12/31/2036		
26-45-50	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-51	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036		12/31/2036		
26-45-57	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-58	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
26-45-63	Titan Homes	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
18-21-182	Valerie & Richard Secrist	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Nick Naccarato to Valerie & Richard Secrist	Payable	12/31/2028		12/31/2028		
26-45-47	Victor Pio	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement		Payable	12/31/2036	$0	12/31/2036	$0	
21-21-88	Wesley McIntyre	Customer Generator Interconnection Agreement	#1 - Transferred from Karen Adams to Wesley McIntyre	Payable	12/31/2031		12/31/2031		
46 - Broadband									
25-46-09	Cabling & Technology Services (CTS)	H2F Fiber Backbone Build	#1 - Change order to increase funding by $18,150.00, for a new not-to-exceed amount of $287,606.12.	Payable	12/31/2025	$269,456	12/31/2025	$269,456	09/23/2025
26-46-04	City of Richland	Fiber Lease Agreement (241-20) - 2373 Jericho Rd. Richland		Payable	05/30/2031	$8,100	05/30/2031	$8,100	

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46 - Broadband									
26-46-06	City of Richland	Fiber Lease Agreement - 601 Wiliams Blvd & 7601 W. Clearwater Ave. (212-23)		Payable	05/30/2031	$16,200	05/30/2031	$16,200	
25-46-08	Paramount Communications, Inc.	2025 Badger Rd. TGB Backbone Build		Payable	12/31/2025	$220,088	12/31/2025	$220,088	04/14/2026
51 - Power Management									
99-11-03	Avista Corp	Mutual Netting Agreement	#1 - CO to extend the term through January 1, 2030, update the CWM, and update the contract contact information.		05/31/2026	$0	05/31/2026	$0	
09-51-13	Bonneville Power Administration	BPA Transmission Customer Data Entry #09Tx-14179	#4 - Change order to update CDE, and extend term.		12/09/2022	$0	07/01/2027	$0	
11-51-01	Bonneville Power Administration	Power Sales Agreement (transitioned to Load Following)	#52 - Change order to update Amendment No. 8, that updates the CWM.	Payable	09/30/2028	$4,797,486	09/30/2028	$9,149,472	08/09/2022
21-51-03	Bonneville Power Administration	Customer Portal Access & Use Agreement	#26 - Change order to update the BPA Customer Portal Access & Use Agreement.		11/11/2022	$0	11/11/2029	$0	
22-51-02	Bonneville Power Administration	Network Integration Transmission Services	#3 - Updated Exhibit A, Revision No. 4		09/30/2031	$0	09/30/2031	$0	06/07/2022
25-51-02	Bonneville Power Administration	Power Sales Agreement - Provider of Choice Contract #26PS-25004	#2 - Revision #1 is being reissued to correct Blake Scherer's title and requires the District not to resign.	Payable	09/30/2044	$1,400,000,000	09/30/2044	$1,400,000,000	10/14/2025
13-51-07	BP Corporation North America Inc	Swap Reporting Agreement - BP Corporation North America Inc	#2 - CO to extend term through 01/01/2030, and update contact info.		01/01/2024	$0	01/01/2030	$0	
02-51-25	BP Corporation North America Inc	ISDA Agreement - BP Corporation North America Inc	#3 - Extend term of contract through 01/01/2030 and update contact Information.		04/01/2003	$0	01/01/2030	$0	

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51 - Power Management									
15-51-134	Citigroup Energy Inc	ISDA Agreement - Citigroup Energy Inc	#3 - Change order to update CWM and contract contact information.		08/30/2022	$0	01/01/2030	$0	08/25/2015
16-51-08	Citigroup, Inc.	ISDA Guarantee - Citigroup	#2 - Change order to extend the term of the contract through January 1, 2030, update the CWM, and update the contract contact information.		08/14/2022	$0	01/01/2030	$0	
08-51-10	Citigroup, Inc.	Guarantee Of Citigroup Energy Inc.	#3 - Update CWM and contract contact information.	Receivable	09/22/2022	$0	01/01/2030	$0	
13-51-18	EDF Trading	Swap Reporting Agreement - EDF Trading	#2 - Extend the term of the contract through January 1, 2030, and update contact information.		09/05/2022	$0	01/01/2030	$0	
10-51-05	EDF Trading North America, LLC	ISDA Agreement - EDF Trading North America LLC	#4 - Extend term and update contact info.	Receivable	09/30/2022	$0	01/01/2030	$0	04/13/2010
26-51-02	Energy Northwest	SMR - ENW			04/13/2031		04/13/2031	$0	
26-51-01	Evergreen Economics	Research VSHP, ASHP, with AMI Data			04/01/2027	$0	04/01/2027	$0	
07-45-04	LL&P Wind Energy Inc	White Creek Wind Project Parent Guaranty & Side	#1 - extend term of agreement		01/01/2008	$0	01/01/2028	$0	
15-51-01	Macquarie Energy, LLC	ISDA Agreement - Macquarie Energy LLC	#2 - Extend term and update contact information.		02/01/2016	$0	01/01/2030	$0	02/24/2015
10-51-16	US Bank National Association/K&L Gates	Collateral Agent Consent To Easement Shared Facilities	#2 - Change CWM and extend term of contract		11/21/2027	$0	03/31/2028	$0	09/23/2008
08-51-06	Western Renewable Electricity Generation Information	Account Holder Registration Agreement	#2 - Change CWM and extend term of contract		12/31/2027		03/31/2028		02/12/2008

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51 - Power Management									
97-41-07	Western Systems Power Pool (WSPP)	Enabling Agreement - (WSPP)	#2 - Change order to extend the term of this contract through January 1, 2030, and update contact information.			$0	01/01/2030	$0	

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Contract Award, 41’ Aerial Cab and Chassis, Contract # 26-37-01 – Altec Industries	
Authored by:	Shawn Harper	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Chris Folta	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Chris Folta	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☒ Consent Agenda	☒ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☐ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☒ Contract / Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion Authorizing the General Manager on behalf of the District to sign and award contract # 26-37-01 for two 41’ Aerial Cab and Cassis vehicles, to Altec Industries, Inc. for the total amount of $501,102.00, plus an additional $50,000.00 for EPA emission regulations to take effect in calendar year 2027, for a total contract amount of $551,102.00 plus Washington State sales tax in accordance with RCW 54.04.080.

Background/Summary

As part of the District’s annual fleet evaluation, staff reviews vehicle age, mileage, condition, utilization, and operational requirements to determine when replacement is appropriate. Through this process, Service Line Trucks #198 and #189 were identified for replacement to maintain a safe, reliable, and effective frontline fleet.

Truck #198 is a 2018 Ford F-550 Service Line Truck with 177,576 miles and 12,774 engine hours. Truck #189 is a 2015 Ford F-550 Service Line Truck with 138,371 miles and 10,652 engine hours. Both vehicles are primary line crew service trucks equipped with 41-foot aerial devices and are used daily to support construction, maintenance, service work, and outage response activities throughout the District.

To maintain fleet reliability and ensure crews have dependable equipment available to safely perform their work, staff recommends replacing both vehicles with two new trim level Altec AT41M 41-foot articulating aerial devices mounted on 2027 Ford F-550 4x4 chassis. The proposed vehicles will provide the functionality, payload capacity, and reliability required to support the District’s ongoing utility operations.

The Altec configuration is the only evaluated steel-body option capable of accommodating Benton PUD's typical operational payload requirements while remaining within the vehicle's GVWR. The Terex steel-body configuration does not provide sufficient payload capacity for the District's operational needs.

Due to the nature of where this equipment will be working, the District requires steel body construction for durability, repairability, and long-term performance in severe-duty utility service environments. Based on the District's evaluation, the Altec AT41M best meets Benton PUD's operational requirements and was approved by the director under sole source # SS-26-01.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the purchase of two Altec AT41M articulating telescopic aerial devices mounted on 2027 Ford F-550 4x4 chassis from Altec Industries through a sole source procurement.

Fiscal Impact

The quoted cost for the two replacement vehicles is $501,102 ($250,551 per vehicle). In addition, Altec has advised that upcoming 2027 EPA emissions regulations are expected to increase chassis costs by approximately $25,000 per vehicle. To account for these anticipated regulatory costs, the total authorization amount requested is **$551,102**, which includes a contingency of $50,000 for potential EPA-related price increases.

The approved 2027 Five-Year Capital Plan includes funding for the replacement of these vehicles. The purchase is within the approved budget allocation.

CONTRACT

Contract # 26-37-01

This agreement is made and entered into on the 14th day of July 2026, by and between:

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as "the District",
AND

ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC., hereinafter referred to as "the Contractor"

WITNESSETH:

That the Contractor, for the consideration hereinafter fully set out, and the District, for the consideration of material furnished, agrees that:

1. SCOPE OF WORK: Furnish Two AT41M Telescopic Aerial Device Service Trucks per specifications in Altec Industries, Inc. quote # 2041766-1.

2. DELIVERY & ACCEPTANCE:

The Contractor shall deliver the Two AT41M Telescopic Aerial Device Service Trucks F.O.B. destination to the District by January 17, 2028; failure to do so may result in damage to the District.

Testing and Acceptance of conforming items by the District shall occur within the number of days after delivery as specified in the bid specification (if applicable). Items that fail to meet acceptance criteria as specified in the bid specifications shall be rejected. Acceptance or rejection by the District to the Contractor shall be in writing.

3. PAYMENT:

Payment will be made within thirty days of Acceptance by the District or receipt of a valid invoice from the Contractor, whichever occurs later.

The District agrees to pay the Contractor for the material/equipment the sum of Five Hundred, Fifty-One Thousand, One Hundred Two Dollars, and Zero Cents ($551,102.00), plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax. This total includes an additional $25,000.00 for each vehicle for potential EPA regulations scheduled to take effect in calendar year 2027. The additional fees related to EPA requirements must be communicated in writing to the District prior to shipment and approved in writing by the District prior to shipment.

4. GUARANTEE:

The Contractor guarantees the Two 41' Telescopic Aerial Device Service Trucks against all defects in workmanship, materials, and in design as stated on the warranty provided by Altec Industries, Inc.

5. PERFORMANCE BOND:

The Contractor shall furnish, in favor of the District, a Performance Bond as required by the Contract Documents, and this Contract shall not obligate the District until such Performance Bond has been tendered.

The District is a public entity subject to the disclosure requirements of the Washington Public Records Act of RCW 42.56. The vendor expressly acknowledges and agrees that its proposal and any information vendor submits with its proposal or which vendor submits to the District in its performance of any contract with the District is subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act or other applicable law and the District may disclose vendor's proposal and/or accompanying information at its sole discretion in accordance with its obligations under applicable law.

The District must comply with the Preservation and Destruction of Public Records RCW 40.14. The vendor expressly acknowledges and agrees that it will maintain all records and documentation related to the contract in accordance with its obligations under applicable law.

In the event that the District receives a request pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act, or other legal process requesting or mandating disclosure of any information or documents submitted to the District by vendor, the District's sole obligation shall be to notify the vendor promptly, so that the vendor at vendor's expense and cost, may seek court protection of any of the requested information vendor deems confidential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY	**ALTEC INDUSTRIES, INC.**
BY:____________________	BY:____________________
PRINT:____________________	PRINT:____________________
TITLE:____________________	TITLE:____________________
DATE:____________________	DATE:____________________
	UBI NO. ____________________

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That whereas, **Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County**, Washington, a municipal corporation, hereinafter designated as the “District", has entered into an agreement dated July 14, 2026, With, hereinafter designated as the "Contractor", providing for Two 41' Telescopic Aerial Device Service Trucks, which agreement is on file at the District's office and by this reference is made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the undersigned Contractor, as principal, and, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of ______________________ and duly authorized to do a surety business in the State of Washington, as surety, are held and firmly bound into the State of Washington and the District in the sum of

($501,102.00)

for the payment of which we do jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION are such that if the said principal, his heirs, representatives or successors, shall well and truly keep and observe all of the covenants, conditions, and agreements in said contract and shall faithfully perform all of the provisions of the contract, pay all taxes of the Contractor arising therefrom, and pay all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, and material men and all persons who shall supply such person or subcontractors with provisions and supplies for carrying on such work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the District, their officers, and agents, from any and all claims, actions or damage of every kind and description including attorneys' fees and legal expense and from any pecuniary loss resulting from the breach of any of said terms, covenants, or conditions to be performed by the Contractor:

AND FURTHER, that the Contractor will correct or replace any defective work or materials discovered by the said District within a period of one year from the date of acceptance of such work or material by said District, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

No change, extension of time, alteration or addition to the work to be performed under the agreement shall in any way affect Contractor's or surety's obligation on this bond, and surety does hereby waive notice of any change, extension of time, alterations or additions thereunder.

This bond is furnished in pursuance of the requirements of Sections 54.04.080 et seq. of Revised Code of Washington, and, in addition to other Contractor and surety to the District for the use and benefit of said District together with all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, material men, and all persons who supply such person or subcontractors with provisions and supplies for the carrying on of the work covered by the agreement to the extent required by said Revised Code of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Contractor and the said surety have caused this bond to be signed and sealed by their duly authorized officers this ____ day of _______________, 202__.

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Surety

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Title

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Contractor

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Title

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Resolution No. 2730, Succession of Authority – Planned Absence or Temporary Disability of the General Manager, Superseding Resolution No. 2546	
Authored by:	Cami McKenzie	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Cami McKenzie	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Rick Dunn	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:

☐ Consent Agenda
☒ Business Agenda
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other Business

Type of Action Needed: *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*

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☐ Contract/Change Order
☐ Sign Letter / Document
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Approve Resolution No. 2730 establishing succession of authority during the planned absence or temporary disability of the General Manager and rescinding and superseding Resolution No. 2546.

Background/Summary

RCW 54.16.100 authorizes the General Manager, with approval of the Commission President, to designate a competent person to serve as acting manager during the General Manager's absence or temporary disability.

This resolution updates the District's succession of authority to align with the current executive organizational structure and the amended Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy. The resolution establishes the order of succession for temporary assumption of General Manager authority and responsibilities during planned absences or temporary disability. The resolution also clarifies that:

- Planned delegation of authority must be authorized in writing by the General Manager;
- Unplanned delegation of authority must be reported to the Commission President as soon as practical;
- Authority may not be further delegated beyond the positions identified in the resolution.
- The updated succession order, Chief Financial Officer, then Chief Operating Officer, supports continuity of operations, accountability, and effective governance during periods when the General Manager is unavailable.

Recommendation

Approve Resolution No. 2730 as presented.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2730~~2546~~

July 14, 2026~~May 26, 2020~~

SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY
PLANNED ABSENCE OR TEMPORARY DISABILITY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.100 provides for the appointment and removal at will of a manager, and states that the manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the District, in control of all administrative functions and shall be responsible to the Commission for the efficient administration of the affairs of the District placed in his or her charge; AND

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.100 further states that, with the approval of the President of the Commission, the manager shall designate a competent person as acting manager, during the absence or temporary disability of the manager.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that under the conditions described above and as further described in RCW 54.16.100, and as provided for in the ~~Amended~~ Governance of the Benton PUD Commission, the power vested in the General Manager shall be temporarily assumed and performed as required by the following personnel working under the following named job titles, and in the order listed:

Chief Financial Officer ~~Assistant General Manager/Senior Director of Engineering and Operations~~
Chief Operating Officer ~~Senior Director of Finance and Customer Services~~
~~Director of Executive Administration~~

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED t~~T~~hat planned delegation of this authority will be by written authorization only ~~of~~by the General Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED t~~T~~hat an unplanned delegation of this authority will be reported as soon as it is known to the President of the Commission by one of those listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED t~~T~~hat this authority shall not be further delegated to positions not described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED ~~T~~this resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2546~~0~~ effective the date of this resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington at an open public meeting as required by law this ~~26th~~14th day of July, 2026.~~May, 2020~~.

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Jeff D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Michael Massey, Secretary~~Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President~~

RESOLUTION NO. 2730

July 14, 2026

SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY
PLANNED ABSENCE OR TEMPORARY DISABILITY OF THE GENERAL MANAGER

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.100 provides for the appointment and removal at will of a manager, and states that the manager shall be the chief administrative officer of the District, in control of all administrative functions and shall be responsible to the Commission for the efficient administration of the affairs of the District placed in his or her charge; AND

WHEREAS, RCW 54.16.100 further states that, with the approval of the President of the Commission, the manager shall designate a competent person as acting manager, during the absence or temporary disability of the manager.

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Chief Financial Officer
Chief Operating Officer

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that planned delegation of this authority will be by written authorization only by the General Manager.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an unplanned delegation of this authority will be reported as soon as it is known to the President of the Commission by one of those listed above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this authority shall not be further delegated to positions not described above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2546 effective on the date of this resolution.

APPROVED and ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington at an open public meeting as required by law on this 14th day of July, 2026.

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Jeff D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Michael Massey, Secretary

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Resolution No. 2731, Adopting the Amended Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy, Rescinding and Superseding Resolution No. 2703	
Authored by:	Cami McKenzie	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Cami McKenzie	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Rick Dunn	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:

☐ Consent Agenda
☒ Business Agenda
☐ Public Hearing
☐ Other Business

Type of Action Needed: *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*

☒ Pass Motion
☒ Pass Resolution
☐ Contract/Change Order
☐ Sign Letter / Document
☐ Decision / Direction
☐ Info Only
☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Approve Resolution No. 2731 adopting the amended Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy and rescinding and superseding Resolution No. 2703.

Background/Summary

The Benton PUD Governance Policy is reviewed annually to ensure appropriate laws, fiduciary responsibilities, and Commission and staff-delegated authorities are aligned with Commission expectations and business needs. Staff reviewed the Governance Policy and made updates to clarify delegated authority and succession responsibilities following revisions to the District's executive organizational structure.

The amendments align the Governance Policy with the District's revised organizational structure and delegated authority framework, including updates to succession responsibilities reflected in Resolution No. 2730, Succession of Authority - General Manager Absence or Disability, to support continuity of operations, accountability, and effective governance.

Recommendation

Approve the new Resolution Adopting the Amended Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy as presented.

Fiscal Impact

N/A

RESOLUTION NO. 2731~~2703~~

~~July 22, 2025~~July 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY ADOPTING THE AMENDED BENTON PUD COMMISSION GOVERNANCE POLICY; RESCINDING AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. ~~2603~~2703

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD values the responsibilities and authorities granted it through the legislature in the form of laws codified in large part under Title 54, Revised Code of Washington; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD recognizes the responsibilities placed upon it by the citizens of Benton County in guiding the District through defined purposes, values and vision, for the betterment of its customers and the communities in which it serves; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD understands that effective board governance can be accomplished through strategic leadership, collaborative decision-making, and the identification of appropriate board-staff relationships; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission adopted its original policy entitled, “Governance of the Benton PUD Commission” on January 11, 2005; AND

WHEREAS, Annually the Governance Policy will be reviewed to ensure appropriate laws, fiduciary responsibilities, and Commission and staff-delegated authorities are in alignment with Commission expectations and business needs; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to clarify delegated authority and succession responsibilities following reorganization of the District’s executive leadership structure in order to ensure continuity of operations, accountability, and effective governance; ~~a new policy entitled “Organizational Statement” has been added that outlines the mission, purpose, and governance framework of Benton PUD as a core component of the District’s Governance Policy~~; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to align the Governance Policy and Administrative Policy No. 2, “Succession of Authority – General Manager” with the District’s revised executive organizational structure and delegated authority framework;

~~WHEREAS, a new policy entitled “Vacancies of the Commission” has been added establishing that in the event of a vacancy, the Commission shall follow the procedures set forth in RCW 42.12.080 applicable to elected nonpartisan governing bodies within qualifying special purpose districts; AND~~

~~WHEREAS, a new policy entitled "Commission Meetings" has been added to clarify the various types of Commission meetings and to establish a formal procedure for the cancellation of scheduled meetings; AND~~

~~WHEREAS, a new policy entitled "Parliamentary Procedure, Motions and Voting" has been added which provides that Robert's Rules of Order shall govern Commission proceedings in all matters not specifically addressed by the Governance Policy;~~

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Commission adopts the amended, "Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy" attached hereto as a part of this resolution; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution rescinds and supersedes Resolution No. 2703~~2603~~.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington at an open public meeting, as required by law, this 14th day of July, 2026.~~22nd day of July, 2025.~~

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Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Michael D. Massey, Secretary

GOVERNANCE OF THE BENTON PUD COMMISSION

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POLICY NO. 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County ("Benton PUD") is engaged in the transmission and distribution of electric energy throughout Benton County. Benton PUD is further engaged in the construction, development, operation, and maintenance of wholesale telecommunications service. Field crews are maintained out of two offices located in Kennewick and Prosser, Washington. Benton PUD's main administration office is located at 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. A branch office of Benton PUD is located at 250 North Gap Road, Prosser, Washington.

Benton PUD is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, Title 54 RCW. The powers of Benton PUD are exercised through a Commission, consisting of three elected Commissioners. Each Commissioner serves for a six-year term, with a Commissioner position on the electoral ballot every two years in even numbered years.

The Commission establishes policy of Benton PUD and appoints a General Manager who is charged with the responsibility of operating the District within established policy. The Commission meets regularly twice a month, and rules of procedure are established by resolution or motion at these meetings. The Benton PUD Commission's regularly scheduled meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Kennewick Administration Office. These meetings are open to the public.

All proceedings of the Commission are by motion or resolution and are recorded in its official Minutes. The Minutes are retained in perpetuity and serve as the official record of the Commission. They may include but are not limited to final opinions of the Commission, statements of policy, administrative staff instructions, and planning policies and goals such as long-range system plans, reports, and studies. All such records are preserved in Benton PUD's record management system in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

POLICY NO. 2 - PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION

Initiative No. 1, upon approval by Washington voters in 1931, allowed for the formation of municipal corporations known as public utility districts (PUDs) within the State of Washington.

The Revised Code of Washington, principally Title 54, codifies the authorities of PUDs.

RCW 54.12.010 states in part: "The powers of the PUD shall be exercised through a Commission consisting of three members in three commissioner districts."

The purpose of Benton PUD's Commission is to:

a) Identify and define the purpose, values, and vision of the District, along with the results the District is to achieve, and communicate them in the form of policy.

b) Make certain operational decisions as are designated by law.

c) Hire, evaluate, and terminate the General Manager.
d) Serve as the District's Audit Committee. Only members of the Commission may serve on the Audit Committee to ensure accountability and oversight for the District's financial operations.

The Commission governance focus will primarily be on:

a) Strategic leadership more than administrative detail.
b) Encouragement of diversity in viewpoints.
c) Clear distinction of Commission and General Manager roles.
d) Collaborative rather than individual decisions.
e) Future rather than past or present.
f) Being proactive rather than reactive.

Specifically, the Commission will direct, evaluate, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of written policies reflecting the Commission's values and vision. The Commission's major policy focus will be on Benton PUD's long-term impacts outside the organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of achieving those effects.

The specific responsibilities of the Commissioners as elected representatives are to ensure appropriate organizational performance.

The Commission will:

a) Require the production and maintenance of written policies that ensure a high quality of governance and clear roles in decision-making between Commission and staff.

b) Identify policies (Commission Policies) that require periodic review, and request staff to bring back those policies for review/modification on a minimum two-year cycle.

c) Regularly monitor, evaluate, and provide compensation for the performance of the General Manager.

d) Adopt the District's Strategic Plan and review it at least annually.

e) Adopt the District's budget on an annual basis.

f) In its role as the District's Audit Committee, be responsible for:
    - Independent review and oversight of the District's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and independent auditors;
    - The selection and retention of independent auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an independent audit report or performing other independent audit, review, or attest services;
    - Receiving the report of independent accountants. To conform with open public meetings laws, such reports shall be received in a public meeting in open session. To promote full and candid discussion between the independent accountants and the Commission, staff may be excused from a portion of the open public meeting;

- Receiving periodic reports from the District's Auditor relative to internal controls and legal compliance of District activities; Ensuring the establishment of procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters. Such procedures should specifically provide for the confidential, anonymous submission by District employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. The policy and procedure for such reporting can be found in the Whistleblower Commission Policy.

g) Set the rates, rules and regulations for services and commodities provided by the District.

h) Develop principles and philosophies to govern compensation and benefits to attract and retain highly qualified and skilled individuals.

i) Take other actions as may be required by law.

POLICY NO. 3 - VACANCIES OF THE COMMISSION

RCW 42.12.080 – Filling nonpartisan vacancies – Special purpose districts, governs the process concerning a vacancy on an elected nonpartisan governing body of a qualifying special purpose district. In the event of a vacancy of the Commission, the Commission shall follow the process outlined in RCW 42.12.080 or other applicable Washington State Law.

POLICY NO. 4 – COMMISSION MEETINGS

The work of the Commission is accomplished in public meetings. RCW 54.12.090 states in part that "All proceedings of the Commission shall be by motion or resolution, recorded in its minute books, which shall be public records."

Public meetings of the Commission are generally held at the District's Administration Office; however, with notice as required by law, public meetings may be held in other locations and/or times.

Regular Meetings - RCW 42.30.070 requires the governing body of a public agency to provide the time for holding regular meetings. Regular meetings of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County will be set by Resolution.

Special Meetings - Normally held for purposes of discussing specific topics, will be noticed in accordance with RCW 42.30.080. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. This notice may take the place of an agenda for special meetings.

Cancellation of Meetings – Meetings may be cancelled by the President, or a majority vote of the Commission with proper notice given by the Clerk of the Board. This includes giving notice to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has on file a request to be notified, posting notice on the Benton PUD website, and posting notice at the main entrance of the meeting site and including information on the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Telephonic or Virtual attendance of public meetings - From time to time, a commissioner may physically not be able to be present at a public meeting but may want to participate in part or in whole; and although attendance by telephonic or virtual means should be by exception and not the rule, remote participation will be considered equivalent to physical attendance, with that commissioner having all the rights of attending in person. Commissioners not attending in person shall notify the General Manager and Clerk of the Board, and attendance will be noted in the commission meeting minutes by the Clerk.

Examples or telephonic and virtual participation are as follows:

a) Telephonic participation shall be by speakerphone to allow that commissioner to be heard by all public meeting attendees, and to allow that commissioner to hear all that is said by those present at the meeting.

b) Virtual participation shall be by the virtual meeting platform approved and supported by the District's Information Technology Department (currently MS Teams) to allow that commissioner to be seen and heard by all public meeting attendees and to allow that commissioner to hear and see what is being said and shared by those present at the meeting.

Declared Emergencies - If a local, state, or federal emergency has been declared and the District determines it cannot hold an in-person meeting, the meeting can be fully remote. If required by the emergency, the District may choose to either fully prohibit or limit in-person public attendance at the meeting. If the meeting is held remotely or the public attendance is limited or prohibited, the District will provide a cost-free option to attend in real-time, either by telephone or another readily available alternative (currently MS Teams). Public comment is not required in emergency situations and is not required (but is recommended) at special meetings, even where final action is taken. (RCW 42.30)

POLICY NO. 5- AGENDA PLANNING

Regular Meeting Agendas:

The agenda of the regular meeting identifies in general terms the topics to be considered by the Commission.

a) The General Manager shall prepare and issue an agenda for each regular Commission Meeting.

b) Members of the Commission, General Manager, or designee may request matters be placed on Commission agendas. At each regular Commission Meeting, time will be set aside under "Other Business" for any Commission Member, the General Manager, or designee, to bring before the Commission any business that should be discussed or deliberated upon. Under "Future Planning" any Commission Member, the General

Manager, or designee, will have the opportunity to discuss/recommend business for placement on future agendas in accordance with Policy No. 14, “Unity of Control.”

c) Items may be placed on either the business agenda or on the consent agenda. An item placed on the consent agenda may be moved to the business agenda at the request of any Commission Member during a Commission Meeting and prior to approval of the consent agenda. The moved item will be placed on the business agenda for further discussion or scheduled for a future meeting as determined during the meeting.

POLICY NO. 6 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT

The President of the Commission shall:

a) Ensure that the Commission jointly and consistently adheres to its own rules and policies, and those imposed upon it by the laws of the State of Washington.

b) Ensure that deliberation is fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point. The President of the Commission shall preside over and facilitate all Commission Meetings in accordance with these governance principles. Except as they conflict with these governance principles, the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, in the possession of the Clerk of the Board shall guide the meetings and deliberations of the Commission.

c) Schedule and coordinate the annual process of evaluating the General Manager.

d) Preside over and facilitate Commission Meetings.

e) Have no authority to supervise or administratively direct the General Manager, apart from authority expressly granted the President by the Commission.

f) Assume responsibility of the Commission that is not specifically assigned to another Commission member.

g) Be allowed to delegate his or her authority but remains accountable for its use.

h) Call Special Meetings of the Commission in the event of a business need as provided for in RCW 42.30.080.

POLICY NO. 7 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President of the Commission shall:

a) Perform such duties as are assigned by the President.

b) Have all the power and duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to act.

c) Have all the powers and duties of the Secretary in the absence or inability of the Secretary to act, when not acting as the President.

POLICY NO. 8 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Commission shall:

a) Attest all contracts, bonds, deeds, leases and other instruments and documents duly authorized by the Commission unless otherwise delegated by the Commission.

b) Perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary as may from time to time be required by law or assigned to such office by motion, rule, or resolution of the Commission.

c) Have all the powers and duties of the President in the absence or inability of both the President and the Vice-President to act.

POLICY NO. 9 - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, MOTIONS, AND VOTING

Parliamentary Procedure - Questions of parliamentary procedure, not covered by these rules, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, in the possession of the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board may seek the advice of the general counsel regarding questions of parliamentary procedure.

Motions and Voting – The Commission shall refer to Robert's Rules of Order for guidance when making motions and voting.

POLICY NO. 10 - COMMISSION MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest:

a) Commission members shall conduct themselves in accordance with all laws. The State of Washington has adopted a "Code of Ethics" that applies to all municipal officers, codified under RCW 42.23. The declared purpose of the Code of Ethics is to make uniform the laws of the State concerning the transaction of business by municipal officers in conflict with the proper performance of their duties in the public interest, and to promote the efficiency of local government by prohibiting certain instances and areas of conflict while at the same time sanctioning, under sufficient controls, certain other instances, and areas of conflict.

b) Commission members are strictly prohibited by law from entering into or engaging in any activity defined by RCW 42.23 as a conflict of interest with their official duties as a Benton PUD Commissioner.

c) On an annual basis and in a public forum, each Commissioner shall acknowledge their obligation to disclose any conflicts of interest as defined in RCW 42.23.

d) On a case-by-case basis, each Commission member will disclose to the other Commission members, in a public forum, any remote conflicts of interest as defined under RCW 42.23. Disclosure will be noted in the District's official minutes which are public record. A Commissioner with such remote interest will not participate in any discussion and/or debate concerning such interest, will not vote on the matter, and will do nothing to influence any other Commissioner concerning their decision on the matter.

e) Commission members will adhere to the Benton PUD Code of Ethics adopted by the Commission and shall conduct themselves with civility and respect with one another, with staff, and with members of the public.

f) Commission members shall demonstrate loyalty to the interests of Benton PUD's owners/ratepayers. This loyalty supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership ~~on~~of other Boards or ~~staffs~~staff. It also supersedes the personal interest of any Commission member acting as a consumer of the District's activities.

g) Commission members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over Benton PUD except as explicitly set forth and authorized in Commission policies.

1. Commission members shall recognize the lack of authority vested in them as individuals in their interactions with the General Manager or with staff, except where explicitly authorized by the Commission.
2. In interactions with the public, press or other entities, Commission members must recognize the same limitation and the inability of any Commission member to speak for the Commission except to repeat explicitly stated and adopted Commission decisions.
3. Commission members should refrain from making statements that may put the District at a legal disadvantage.

Benton PUD Policy Compliance:
Each Commission member will individually adhere to all applicable Commission approved policies of Benton PUD as they relate to their duties as elected officials and representatives of a public agency.

Compliance with requirements of Washington Open Public Meetings Act:
Each Commission member will individually understand and comply with the following laws and this policy~~,~~ applicable to acting individually and as a Commission of a public agency:

a) A Commission quorum shall not meet outside of Commission-called public meetings to hold discussion(s) or make decisions as defined in RCW 42.30, regarding the business of the District.

b) The Commission shall not meet as a quorum with staff outside of a Commission-called public meeting for the purpose of gathering information relating to District business.

c) The Washington Open Public Meetings Act applies to communications relating to District business via telephone, e-mail, instant messaging, texting, blogging, or any other form of electronic communication and media. In any of the identified communications listed above, any exchange between any two Commission members may constitute an official meeting of the Commission and may be in violation of the Act.

Outside of a public meeting, Commission members may send information to other members of the Commission on an informational basis; however, replies and/or exchanges of communications regarding District business must not occur outside of an official public meeting of the Commission.

Commissioners should not "reply" to any e-mail received by another member of the Commission except under the following circumstances (not intended to be all-inclusive): 1) to acknowledge meeting for lunch, dinner, 2) accepting an invitation, 3) acknowledging receipt of something or 4) confirming attendance at an association function (no discussion can be held on District business in any manner).

d) Commission members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues regarding personnel, real estate transactions, proprietary matters, and attorney-client privileged communications, including those requirements listed under RCW 42.30.110, Executive Sessions and including any other confidential information gained by reason of the commissioner's position.

Compliance with requirements of Washington Public Records laws:
Each Commissioner will individually comply with the following laws and this policy, applicable to Commissioners acting individually and as a Commission of the District:

a) Communications, including hard-copy or any type of electronic media, including e-mail, photographs, websites, blogs, wikis, digital photos, text messages, instant messages, tweets and any emerging technologies, the subject of which relates to the conduct of the District or the performance of any District function or when acting or performing in the official capacity as a commissioner, on District devices or on personal devices, may be public records of Benton PUD and, if retainable, must be filed, held and/or be retrievable in accordance with public records requirements.

b) All public records in any form may be requested under the Washington Public Records Act by a member of the public, and it is imperative that all records and their locations are made known and accessible to the Benton PUD Public Records Officer and/or General Manager.

c) E-mail is considered a public record and as such all e-mail made and/or received by a commissioner in his/her performance as a Benton PUD Commissioner must be managed and retained under the requirements of the Commission Policy on records management and State records retention requirements. Each commissioner is highly encouraged to utilize the District's e-mail system and addresses, and to only keep e-mail relating to District business on the District's systems. E-mail, by subject, may be considered a retainable record and will be filed by the Executive Department according to District policies. It is against District policy and applicable law to delete certain electronic public records, including e-mail, until State retention requirements have been met.

d) Each Commissioner is urged to keep all electronic records separate from personal records held on home personal computers, cell phones, and other media devices. This could avoid being required to review all electronic information stored on personal devices in the event of a public records request and/or legal discovery action.

Compliance with requirements of Social Media Communications:
(defined as the use of third-party hosted online technologies that facilitate social interactions and dialogue)

Each Commissioner will individually comply with the following, applicable to Commissioners acting individually and as a Commission of the District:

a) Social media should not be used to communicate official PUD business by a Commissioner unless such social media is maintained and/or managed by the District.

b) Any social media transmitted or received individually as a Commissioner when performing District business is considered a public record and must be used in such a manner to allow capture of the electronic record by Benton PUD. It is the responsibility of each Commissioner to seek requirements for records retention from the General Manager prior to utilizing a social media site for Benton PUD business that is not already maintained and/or managed by the District.

c) Commissioners with individual social media sites that are of a personal nature should not discuss District business on that site.

d) Any correspondence sent in the capacity as a Commissioner posting to social media sites maintained by others must be retained by the posting Commissioner. Printouts of postings to others' sites may suffice for retention purposes, and those printouts must be transferred to the District's Public Records Officer.

e) Any social media tools utilized should clearly state that all content submitted by members of the public is potentially subject to public disclosure – this notice should be prominently displayed.

f) Communications between Commissioners via social media may constitute a meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act. Each Commissioner is strongly discouraged from "friending" another Commissioner.

g) Any communications by a Commissioner on any social media site, excluding the District's social media site, but including a personal site, should include wording that they are speaking as an individual and not as a commissioner or representative of the District.

h) Messaging "texting" and Cellular Phones: business conducted in any manner is a public record. Care must be taken to ensure that records created are maintained and can be provided if requested. Commissioners are highly encouraged to utilize each of their individual e-mail accounts under the District's e-mail system for business of the District.

POLICY NO. 11 - BOARD TRAINING, ORIENTATION

The Commission shall ensure that its skills are sufficient to assure excellence in governance of Benton PUD.

Specifically:

a) New Commission members shall receive training and orientation in Commission governance, policies, and procedures.

b) New Commission members shall receive an orientation on the District's Strategic Plan.

c) Commission members shall receive training in the skills of effective communication and decision-making.

d) The Commission President may, if needed, receive training in the facilitation of public meetings.

e) Each Commissioner will receive training ~~on~~in the Washington Open Public Meetings Act and the Washington Public Records Act and records retention requirements. For new commissioners, training will take place no later than 90 days after their oath of office and assuming their duties. ~~A~~ R~~r~~efresher training is also required for each commissioner at intervals of no more than four years.

POLICY NO. 12 - COMMISSION REVIEW OF DISTRICT PUBLIC RECORDS

Benton PUD has a duty to comply with appropriate public records requests as prescribed in the Washington Public Records Act. Commissioners do not give up their status as members of the public and therefore can request such information.

Because of the special status conferred upon the Commission as elected representatives, each Commissioner agrees that:

a) Access to District public records may be achieved by providing a "Request for Public Records" to the General Manager. Records requested by a single commissioner will generally be provided by the General Manager to the remaining commissioners. Commission member requests to inspect District documents that do not meet the criteria of a "public record" under RCW 42.56 and/or which may be confidential in nature, shall be forwarded directly to the General Manager, who will consider disclosure of the records depending upon the needs of the business matter being requested, as well as the legal requirements to withhold or disclose the record.

b) No confidential or original records shall be taken from District premises except with the authorization of the General Manager.

c) Commission members shall adhere to the same confidentiality requirements applicable to employees when dealing with the District's records and other documents. Any request for commissioner access to the contents of an employee personnel file will be requested through the General Manager and considered as defined above.

d) Commission members acknowledge that records distributed during Executive Sessions of the Commission may or may not be exempt from production to the public under the Washington Public Records Act and will seek guidance from the General Manager or Legal Counsel if copies of such records are requested prior to disclosing.

POLICY NO. 13 - COMMISSION COMMITTEES

The Commission may establish ad hoc advisory and standing committees. All committees should include designation of members, ~~chair~~chairs and a charter describing the committee's purpose.

The Commission will review the committees at least annually to determine whether they should continue.

Specifically:

a) Committees will ordinarily assist the Commission by gaining education, considering alternatives and implications, and preparing policy alternatives.

b) Commission committees may not speak or act for the Commission, except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes.

c) Commission committees cannot exercise authority over staff nor interfere with the delegation from the Commission to the General Manager.

d) Participation by Commissioners in committee meetings shall follow the provisions of the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, in that if two or more Commission members are present, then the meeting must be properly noticed as a public meeting.

e) This policy applies to any group which is formed by Commission action, whether or not it is called a committee. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the General Manager.

POLICY NO. 14 - UNITY OF CONTROL

Only decisions of the Commission acting as a body are binding upon the General Manager, the General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer.

Specifically, in or out of Commission Meetings:

a) Decisions or instructions of individual Commission members are not binding on the General Manager, General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer except in instances when the Commission has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.

b) In the case of a Commission member requesting information or assistance without Commission concurrence, and not in association with a public records request, the General Manager, General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer should consider, in their opinion, if the request will require a material amount of staff time or funds, is disruptive to the District, or which may involve a conflict of interest between the District and the Commissioner requesting the information or assistance. In such instances, the General Manager may request Commission concurrence.

c) Commission members individually may communicate directly with District employees or contractors. However, the Commission as a body and the Commission members will never give direction to persons who report directly or indirectly to the General Manager, except for the General Counsel, District Auditor or District Treasurer. If individual Commission members are dissatisfied with the response they receive, they may seek resolution through the General Manager or the Commission.

d) Any commissioner may seek the assistance of Executive Department administrative staff to assist in work relating to the PUD.

e) The Commission as a body and the Commission members will refrain from evaluating, either formally or informally, the job performance of any District employee other than the General Manager.

POLICY NO. 15 - COMMISSION-GENERAL MANAGER RELATIONSHIP

The Commission governs Benton PUD and is the policy-making body of the District. The Commission operates under the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, Title 54, Title 42 in part, and all other applicable statutes and laws.

The Commission is responsible for the following:

a) Identifying and defining the purpose, values, and vision of the District, along with the results that the District is to achieve and communicating them in the form of policies.

b) Identify those policies (Commission Policies) that require periodic review, and request staff to bring back those policies for review/modification on a minimum two-year cycle.

c) Making certain operational decisions as are designated by law.

d) Hiring, evaluating, and terminating the General Manager.

The General Manager is responsible for the following:

a) In accordance with RCW 54.16.100, serve as the chief administrative officer of the District, overseeing all operations and business affairs.

b) Achieving the results established by the Commission within the appropriate and ethical standards of business conduct set by the Commission.

c) Enforcing Commission policies, administering directives, staff procedures, hiring and terminating all employees, attending meetings of the Commission, and reporting on the general affairs of the District, and keeping the Commission advised as to the current and future business needs of the District.

d) Designating an "Acting General Manager", to administer the functions of the General Manager in the planned absence or temporary disability of the General Manager, with such approval by the President of the Commission, until such time that the Commission may take further action.

e) Appointing a person to serve as the District's C~~c~~hief ~~f~~Financial ~~o~~Officer. This person may be the District Auditor, District Treasurer, or ~~other~~another person with sufficient education and experience to fulfill the duties of the position. Together with the C~~c~~hief F~~f~~inancial O~~o~~fficer, the General Manager shall ensure that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, financial reports are complete and reliable in all material respects.

f) Ensuring the smooth continuous operation of the District in the event of the planned or unplanned absence of the General Manager.

g) Interacting with the public and other utilities and government agencies, pursuant to policies and direction adopted by the Commission.

h) Perform other responsibilities as may be appropriately delegated by the Commission.

POLICY NO. 16 - COMMISSION—GENERAL COUNSEL RELATIONSHIP

The General Counsel provides legal counsel to the District and to the Commission. The General Counsel reports both to the Commission and to the General Manager.

The General Manager is ultimately responsible for hiring and terminating the General Counsel subject to Commission concurrence. As a general practice, the Commission and the General Manager shall participate jointly in hiring and terminating the General Counsel.

The General Counsel shall advise the Commissioners regarding potential conflict of interest issues or ethical matters. General Counsel shall provide assistance to individual Commissioners in complying with applicable statutes and laws only when such advice does not conflict with the General Counsel's obligations to the District or to specific direction of the Commission.

The General Manager is responsible for evaluating the General Counsel's performance. The General Manager shall solicit the Commissioner's input in evaluating the performance of the General Counsel, and the Commission may, at its discretion, participate in that evaluation.

With respect to the Commission and the General Manager, the General Counsel shall:

a) Give his or her advice or opinion whenever he or she deems it necessary or when required by the General Manager or Commission.

b) Inform the General Manager or Commission of material legal issues impacting the District or the Commission.

c) When necessary, act independently of the General Manager.

d) Provide counsel to the General Manager, Commission, or individual Commission members about conflict-of-interest issues.

e) Provide counsel to the General Manager, Commission, or individual Commission members about other ethical matters.

f) Assist the General Manager or Commission members in complying with applicable statutes and laws.

g) Not provide legal counsel to Commission members or the General Manager except as it relates to their roles at the District.

h) Not be required to provide counsel to the General Manager if to do so would create a conflict of interest for the general counsel with the Commission or the District.

POLICY NO. 17 - COMMISSION RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR AND TREASURER

The District Auditor (Auditor) and District Treasurer (Treasurer) serve in the capacity set forth by Title 54 of the Revised Code of Washington.

In accordance with RCW 54.16.100, the General Manager serves as the chief administrative officer of the District. As such, the General Manager shall recommend the appointments of Auditor and Treasurer for approval by the Commission.

The Commission, by resolution, shall designate an Auditor and this person shall be a District employee other than the General Manager or Treasurer. The Commission, by resolution, shall designate a person other than the County Treasurer to be District Treasurer and this person shall be a District employee other than the General Manager or Auditor. The Auditor and Treasurer shall perform those duties specified by RCW 54.24.010 and shall be granted direct access to the Commission as necessary in the performance of these duties.

The Auditor and Treasurer shall report through the General Manager or designee for all administrative matters, including hiring, performance evaluations, salary administration, employee benefits, and terminations. The General Manager or delegate may assign additional duties to the Auditor and Treasurer if these duties do not interfere with the Auditor and Treasurer duties as specified by law. The General Manager shall consult with the Commission in advance regarding his or her intention to terminate the Auditor or Treasurer.

The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall provide monthly reports to the Commission summarizing cash and investment activity and provide other reports to the Commission as necessary related to the duties of the Treasurer.

The Auditor or Deputy Auditor shall issue warrants for claims against the District. As soon as practical after issuance of such warrants, the Auditor shall provide a list of all warrants issued and shall certify to the Commission that such disbursements satisfy just, due, and unpaid obligations of the District, in a manner specified by the State Auditor. In order that the Auditor may provide such certification, the Auditor shall conduct internal reviews and audits that provide reasonable assurance as to the internal control systems that provide for the safeguarding of assets from unauthorized use or disposition, adherence to plans, policies, and procedures, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

If the Commission disapproves a claim on the District, the Auditor shall recognize the claim as a receivable of the District and pursue collection.

The Auditor shall develop an annual internal audit plan, and conduct audits contained within the plan or other audits as may be requested by the Commission. The Auditor shall report to the Commission on the progress and results of such audits at least annually. The Auditor, in the performance of his or her duties, shall have unlimited access to all activities, records, property and personnel of the District.

At the direction and oversight of the Commission in its role as Audit Committee, the Auditor shall serve as the chief liaison with all external audit agencies, shall coordinate the proper independent audit of annual financial statements, and shall ensure that the results and findings of such audits are reported to the Commission. In acting in this capacity, the Auditor does not relieve the Commission of its Audit Committee oversight responsibilities.

POLICY NO. 18 - DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

The Commission will instruct the General Manager through written policies, normally in the form of resolutions, motions, or minute entries, that define the results that the organization is to achieve, and which describe the delegation of authority to the General Manager.

Specifically:

a) The Commission shall develop policies that define the delegation to the General Manager about the General Manager's authority.

b) The Commission authorizes the General Manager, at his discretion, to further delegate to the Chief Financial Officer~~Assistant General Manager~~ or other management employees the authority to carry out or approve actions as specified in the motion or resolution. Accountability to the Commission for these actions remains with the General Manager. The General Manager retains the authority to delegate to others unless the motion or resolution specifically disallows further delegation of General Manager authority. Specific approval authority delegated by the General Manager will be by written directive and/or email, and can be defined as either on-going, or temporary.

c) General Manager will designate authority to an "Acting General Manager" that is applicable only during his absence due to business needs or during times when he is unable to function in his capacity as the General Manager. This specific authority may not be further delegated and shall be approved by the Commission.

d) The General Manager is authorized to establish all further directives, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices, and develop all activities to achieve the goals set forth by the Commission for the District.

e) The General Manager must bring to the Commission's attention circumstances that affect the goals established by the Commission and may request the Commission ~~to~~ take appropriate actions.

f) The Commission may change its delegation to the General Manager at any time, thereby expanding or limiting the authority of the General Manager. However, whenever delegated authority identified within this policy is acted upon by the General Manager, the Commission will not modify the authority acted upon as long as it was made within the General Manager's delegation of authority as it existed at the time.

POLICY NO. 19 - BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

By resolution, the Commission shall set forth the authority of the General Manager to manage and expend District funds in accordance with financial policies and budgetary limits. Procurement of goods and services shall take place in accordance with applicable legal requirements in a fair, competitive, and inclusive manner to maximize the benefit to the District's ratepayers/customers.

Financial Policies

The Commission, by resolution, shall adopt financial policies that provide guidance to the General Manager in managing the finances of the District and in developing budgets, financial plans, and rates. At a minimum, these policies shall 1) provide for sufficient liquidity relative to the District's risk profile, 2) provide for adequate coverage to meet debt covenants, 3) establish criteria for debt and rate financed capital expenditures, 4) require that budgets be developed based on conservative and prudent assumptions consistent with standard industry practice, and 5) establish budgetary and procurement controls over expenditures.

Budgetary Authority

The Commission, by resolution, shall approve the District's budget prior to the start of each fiscal year. The District's financial transactions shall be recorded within proprietary fund(s) adopted by the Commission. As such, the District does not have governmental funds with legally adopted budgets that carry the force of law. The General Manager shall manage the District's operations within the approved budget levels consistent with authority levels set forth in the financial policies.

Procurement Authority

The Commission, by resolution, shall establish procurement authorities and guidelines for the General Manager consistent with state laws and regulations. The General Manager shall establish procurement controls that provide reasonable assurance that the procurement of goods and services are made for a valid business purpose and within authorized budget levels.

It is District policy that procurement decisions be made free from actual or perceived conflicts of interest consistent with the District's Code of Ethics.

It is District policy that due diligence and prudent judgment be exercised in the making of procurement decisions, including conducting a risk assessment. If the General Manager reasonably determines that a procurement activity presents, regardless of the size of the financial commitment, either: (i) a unique and significant operational risk to the District; or (ii) a significant impact to customers, the General Manager shall inform the Commission.

POLICY NO. 20 - EVALUATING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE

***The General Manager's job performance shall be evaluated by comparing the organization's operations and results and the General Manager's performance to the policies established by the Commission*.**

Specifically:

a) The Commission shall evaluate the General Manager's performance on an annual basis and shall from time to time fix the General Manager's compensation by resolution.

b) The evaluation will be based on an evaluation of the organization's performance and the General Manager's personal performance against the results established by the Commission.

c) The General Manager shall propose, for Commission approval, performance criteria each year that represents his or her reasonable interpretation of achieving the results defined by the Commission.

RESOLUTION NO. 2731

July 14, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY ADOPTING THE AMENDED BENTON PUD COMMISSION GOVERNANCE POLICY; RESCINDING AND SUPERSEDING RESOLUTION NO. 2703

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD values the responsibilities and authorities granted it through the legislature in the form of laws codified in large part under Title 54, Revised Code of Washington; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD recognizes the responsibilities placed upon it by the citizens of Benton County in guiding the District through defined purposes, values and vision, for the betterment of its customers and the communities in which it serves; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission of Benton PUD understands that effective board governance can be accomplished through strategic leadership, collaborative decision-making, and the identification of appropriate board-staff relationships; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission adopted its original policy entitled, “Governance of the Benton PUD Commission” on January 11, 2005; AND

WHEREAS, Annually the Governance Policy will be reviewed to ensure appropriate laws, fiduciary responsibilities, and Commission and staff-delegated authorities are in alignment with Commission expectations and business needs; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the need to clarify delegated authority and succession responsibilities following reorganization of the District’s executive leadership structure in order to ensure continuity of operations, accountability, and effective governance; ; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to align the Governance Policy and Administrative Policy No. 2, “Succession of Authority – General Manager” with the District’s revised executive organizational structure and delegated authority framework;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED That the Commission adopts the amended, “Benton PUD Commission Governance Policy” attached hereto as a part of this resolution; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution rescinds and supersedes Resolution No. 2703.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington at an open public meeting, as required by law, this 14th day of July, 2026.

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Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

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Michael D. Massey, Secretary

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POLICY NO. 1 – ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT

The Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County ("Benton PUD") is engaged in the transmission and distribution of electric energy throughout Benton County. Benton PUD is further engaged in the construction, development, operation, and maintenance of wholesale telecommunications service. Field crews are maintained out of two offices located in Kennewick and Prosser, Washington. Benton PUD's main administration office is located at 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington. A branch office of Benton PUD is located at 250 North Gap Road, Prosser, Washington.

Benton PUD is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of Washington, Title 54 RCW. The powers of Benton PUD are exercised through a Commission, consisting of three elected Commissioners. Each Commissioner serves for a six-year term, with a Commissioner position on the electoral ballot every two years in even numbered years.

The Commission establishes policy of Benton PUD and appoints a General Manager who is charged with the responsibility of operating the District within established policy. The Commission meets regularly twice a month, and rules of procedure are established by resolution or motion at these meetings. The Benton PUD Commission's regularly scheduled meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. at the Kennewick Administration Office. These meetings are open to the public.

All proceedings of the Commission are by motion or resolution and are recorded in its official Minutes. The Minutes are retained in perpetuity and serve as the official record of the Commission. They may include but are not limited to final opinions of the Commission, statements of policy, administrative staff instructions, and planning policies and goals such as long-range system plans, reports, and studies. All such records are preserved in Benton PUD's record management system in accordance with the laws of the State of Washington.

POLICY NO. 2 - PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION

Initiative No. 1, upon approval by Washington voters in 1931, allowed for the formation of municipal corporations known as public utility districts (PUDs) within the State of Washington.

The Revised Code of Washington, principally Title 54, codifies the authorities of PUDs.

RCW 54.12.010 states in part: "The powers of the PUD shall be exercised through a Commission consisting of three members in three commissioner districts."

The purpose of Benton PUD's Commission is to:

a) Identify and define the purpose, values, and vision of the District, along with the results the District is to achieve, and communicate them in the form of policy.
b) Make certain operational decisions as are designated by law.

c) Hire, evaluate, and terminate the General Manager.
d) Serve as the District's Audit Committee. Only members of the Commission may serve on the Audit Committee to ensure accountability and oversight for the District's financial operations.

The Commission governance focus will primarily be on:

a) Strategic leadership more than administrative detail.
b) Encouragement of diversity in viewpoints.
c) Clear distinction of Commission and General Manager roles.
d) Collaborative rather than individual decisions.
e) Future rather than past or present.
f) Being proactive rather than reactive.

Specifically, the Commission will direct, evaluate, and inspire the organization through the careful establishment of written policies reflecting the Commission's values and vision. The Commission's major policy focus will be on Benton PUD's long-term impacts outside the organization, not on the administrative or programmatic means of achieving those effects.

The specific responsibilities of the Commissioners as elected representatives are to ensure appropriate organizational performance.

The Commission will:

a) Require the production and maintenance of written policies that ensure a high quality of governance and clear roles in decision-making between Commission and staff.

b) Identify policies (Commission Policies) that require periodic review, and request staff to bring back those policies for review/modification on a minimum two-year cycle.

c) Regularly monitor, evaluate, and provide compensation for the performance of the General Manager.

d) Adopt the District's Strategic Plan and review it at least annually.

e) Adopt the District's budget on an annual basis.

f) In its role as the District's Audit Committee, be responsible for:
    - Independent review and oversight of the District's financial reporting processes, internal controls, and independent auditors;
    - The selection and retention of independent auditors engaged for the purpose of preparing or issuing an independent audit report or performing other independent audit, review, or attest services;
    - Receiving the report of independent accountants. To conform with open public meetings laws, such reports shall be received in a public meeting in open session. To promote full and candid discussion between the independent accountants and the Commission, staff may be excused from a portion of the open public meeting;

- Receiving periodic reports from the District's Auditor relative to internal controls and legal compliance of District activities; Ensuring the establishment of procedures for the receipt, retention, and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, or auditing matters. Such procedures should specifically provide for the confidential, anonymous submission by District employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters. The policy and procedure for such reporting can be found in the Whistleblower Commission Policy.

g) Set the rates, rules and regulations for services and commodities provided by the District.

h) Develop principles and philosophies to govern compensation and benefits to attract and retain highly qualified and skilled individuals.

i) Take other actions as may be required by law.

POLICY NO. 3 - VACANCIES OF THE COMMISSION

RCW 42.12.080 – Filling nonpartisan vacancies – Special purpose districts, governs the process concerning a vacancy on an elected nonpartisan governing body of a qualifying special purpose district. In the event of a vacancy of the Commission, the Commission shall follow the process outlined in RCW 42.12.080 or other applicable Washington State Law.

POLICY NO. 4 – COMMISSION MEETINGS

The work of the Commission is accomplished in public meetings. RCW 54.12.090 states in part that "All proceedings of the Commission shall be by motion or resolution, recorded in its minute books, which shall be public records."

Public meetings of the Commission are generally held at the District's Administration Office; however, with notice as required by law, public meetings may be held in other locations and/or times.

Regular Meetings - RCW 42.30.070 requires the governing body of a public agency to provide the time for holding regular meetings. Regular meetings of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County will be set by Resolution.

Special Meetings - Normally held for purposes of discussing specific topics, will be noticed in accordance with RCW 42.30.080. The call and notice shall specify the time and place of the special meeting and the business to be transacted. This notice may take the place of an agenda for special meetings.

Cancellation of Meetings – Meetings may be cancelled by the President, or a majority vote of the Commission with proper notice given by the Clerk of the Board. This includes giving notice to each local newspaper of general circulation and radio or television station that has on file a request to be notified, posting notice on the Benton PUD website, and posting notice at the main entrance of the meeting site and including information on the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Telephonic or Virtual attendance of public meetings - From time to time, a commissioner may physically not be able to be present at a public meeting but may want to participate in part or in whole; and although attendance by telephonic or virtual means should be by exception and not the rule, remote participation will be considered equivalent to physical attendance, with that commissioner having all the rights of attending in person. Commissioners not attending in person shall notify the General Manager and Clerk of the Board, and attendance will be noted in the commission meeting minutes by the Clerk.

Examples or telephonic and virtual participation are as follows:

a) Telephonic participation shall be by speakerphone to allow that commissioner to be heard by all public meeting attendees, and to allow that commissioner to hear all that is said by those present at the meeting.
b) Virtual participation shall be by the virtual meeting platform approved and supported by the District's Information Technology Department (currently MS Teams) to allow that commissioner to be seen and heard by all public meeting attendees and to allow that commissioner to hear and see what is being said and shared by those present at the meeting.

Declared Emergencies - If a local, state, or federal emergency has been declared and the District determines it cannot hold an in-person meeting, the meeting can be fully remote. If required by the emergency, the District may choose to either fully prohibit or limit in-person public attendance at the meeting. If the meeting is held remotely or the public attendance is limited or prohibited, the District will provide a cost-free option to attend in real-time, either by telephone or another readily available alternative (currently MS Teams). Public comment is not required in emergency situations and is not required (but is recommended) at special meetings, even where final action is taken. (RCW 42.30)

POLICY NO. 5- AGENDA PLANNING

Regular Meeting Agendas:

The agenda of the regular meeting identifies in general terms the topics to be considered by the Commission.

a) The General Manager shall prepare and issue an agenda for each regular Commission Meeting.

b) Members of the Commission, General Manager, or designee may request matters be placed on Commission agendas. At each regular Commission Meeting, time will be set aside under "Other Business" for any Commission Member, the General Manager, or designee, to bring before the Commission any business that should be discussed or deliberated upon. Under "Future Planning" any Commission Member, the General

Manager, or designee, will have the opportunity to discuss/recommend business for placement on future agendas in accordance with Policy No. 14, “Unity of Control.”

c) Items may be placed on either the business agenda or on the consent agenda. An item placed on the consent agenda may be moved to the business agenda at the request of any Commission Member during a Commission Meeting and prior to approval of the consent agenda. The moved item will be placed on the business agenda for further discussion or scheduled for a future meeting as determined during the meeting.

POLICY NO. 6 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION PRESIDENT

The President of the Commission shall:

a) Ensure that the Commission jointly and consistently adheres to its own rules and policies, and those imposed upon it by the laws of the State of Washington.

b) Ensure that deliberation is fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point. The President of the Commission shall preside over and facilitate all Commission Meetings in accordance with these governance principles. Except as they conflict with these governance principles, the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, in the possession of the Clerk of the Board shall guide the meetings and deliberations of the Commission.

c) Schedule and coordinate the annual process of evaluating the General Manager.

d) Preside over and facilitate Commission Meetings.

e) Have no authority to supervise or administratively direct the General Manager, apart from authority expressly granted the President by the Commission.

f) Assume responsibility of the Commission that is not specifically assigned to another Commission member.

g) Be allowed to delegate his or her authority but remains accountable for its use.

h) Call Special Meetings of the Commission in the event of a business need as provided for in RCW 42.30.080.

POLICY NO. 7 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT

The Vice-President of the Commission shall:

a) Perform such duties as are assigned by the President.

b) Have all the power and duties of the President in the absence or inability of the President to act.

c) Have all the powers and duties of the Secretary in the absence or inability of the Secretary to act, when not acting as the President.

POLICY NO. 8 - ROLE OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The Secretary of the Commission shall:

a) Attest all contracts, bonds, deeds, leases and other instruments and documents duly authorized by the Commission unless otherwise delegated by the Commission.

b) Perform all duties incident to the office of Secretary as may from time to time be required by law or assigned to such office by motion, rule, or resolution of the Commission.

c) Have all the powers and duties of the President in the absence or inability of both the President and the Vice-President to act.

POLICY NO. 9 - PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE, MOTIONS, AND VOTING

Parliamentary Procedure - Questions of parliamentary procedure, not covered by these rules, shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, in the possession of the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board may seek the advice of the general counsel regarding questions of parliamentary procedure.

Motions and Voting – The Commission shall refer to Robert's Rules of Order for guidance when making motions and voting.

POLICY NO. 10 - COMMISSION MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT

Ethics and Conflicts of Interest:

a) Commission members shall conduct themselves in accordance with all laws. The State of Washington has adopted a "Code of Ethics" that applies to all municipal officers, codified under RCW 42.23. The declared purpose of the Code of Ethics is to make uniform the laws of the State concerning the transaction of business by municipal officers in conflict with the proper performance of their duties in the public interest, and to promote the efficiency of local government by prohibiting certain instances and areas of conflict while at the same time sanctioning, under sufficient controls, certain other instances, and areas of conflict.

b) Commission members are strictly prohibited by law from entering into or engaging in any activity defined by RCW 42.23 as a conflict of interest with their official duties as a Benton PUD Commissioner.

c) On an annual basis and in a public forum, each Commissioner shall acknowledge their obligation to disclose any conflicts of interest as defined in RCW 42.23.

d) On a case-by-case basis, each Commission member will disclose to the other Commission members, in a public forum, any remote conflicts of interest as defined under RCW 42.23. Disclosure will be noted in the District's official minutes which are public record. A Commissioner with such remote interest will not participate in any discussion and/or debate concerning such interest, will not vote on the matter, and will do nothing to influence any other Commissioner concerning their decision on the matter.

e) Commission members will adhere to the Benton PUD Code of Ethics adopted by the Commission and shall conduct themselves with civility and respect with one another, with staff, and with members of the public.

f) Commission members shall demonstrate loyalty to the interests of Benton PUD's owners/ratepayers. This loyalty supersedes any conflicting loyalty such as that to advocacy or interest groups and membership of other Boards or staff. It also supersedes the personal interest of any Commission member acting as a consumer of the District's activities.

g) Commission members may not attempt to exercise individual authority over Benton PUD except as explicitly set forth and authorized in Commission policies.

    1. Commission members shall recognize the lack of authority vested in them as individuals in their interactions with the General Manager or with staff, except where explicitly authorized by the Commission.
    2. In interactions with the public, press or other entities, Commission members must recognize the same limitation and the inability of any Commission member to speak for the Commission except to repeat explicitly stated and adopted Commission decisions.
    3. Commission members should refrain from making statements that may put the District at a legal disadvantage.

Benton PUD Policy Compliance:

Each Commission member will individually adhere to all applicable Commission approved policies of Benton PUD as they relate to their duties as elected officials and representatives of a public agency.

<u>Compliance with requirements of Washington Open Public Meetings Act:</u>

Each Commission member will individually understand and comply with the following laws and this policy applicable to acting individually and as a Commission of a public agency:

a) A Commission quorum shall not meet outside of Commission-called public meetings to hold discussion(s) or make decisions as defined in RCW 42.30, regarding the business of the District.

b) The Commission shall not meet as a quorum with staff outside of a Commission-called public meeting for the purpose of gathering information relating to District business.

c) The Washington Open Public Meetings Act applies to communications relating to District business via telephone, e-mail, instant messaging, texting, blogging, or any other form of electronic communication and media. In any of the identified communications listed above, any exchange between any two Commission members may constitute an official meeting of the Commission and may be in violation of the Act.

Outside of a public meeting, Commission members may send information to other members of the Commission on an informational basis; however, replies and/or exchanges of communications regarding District business must not occur outside of an official public meeting of the Commission.

Commissioners should not "reply" to any e-mail received by another member of the Commission except under the following circumstances (not intended to be all-inclusive): 1) to acknowledge meeting for lunch, dinner, 2) accepting an invitation, 3) acknowledging receipt of something or 4) confirming attendance at an association function (no discussion can be held on District business in any manner).

d) Commission members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues regarding personnel, real estate transactions, proprietary matters, and attorney-client privileged communications, including those requirements listed under RCW 42.30.110, Executive Sessions and including any other confidential information gained by reason of the commissioner's position.

Compliance with requirements of Washington Public Records laws:
Each Commissioner will individually comply with the following laws and this policy, applicable to Commissioners acting individually and as a Commission of the District:

a) Communications, including hard-copy or any type of electronic media, including e-mail, photographs, websites, blogs, wikis, digital photos, text messages, instant messages, tweets and any emerging technologies, the subject of which relates to the conduct of the District or the performance of any District function or when acting or performing in the official capacity as a commissioner, on District devices or on personal devices, may be public records of Benton PUD and, if retainable, must be filed, held and/or be retrievable in accordance with public records requirements.

b) All public records in any form may be requested under the Washington Public Records Act by a member of the public, and it is imperative that all records and their locations are made known and accessible to the Benton PUD Public Records Officer and/or General Manager.

c) E-mail is considered a public record and as such all e-mail made and/or received by a commissioner in his/her performance as a Benton PUD Commissioner must be managed and retained under the requirements of the Commission Policy on records management and State records retention requirements. Each commissioner is highly encouraged to utilize the District's e-mail system and addresses, and to only keep e-mail relating to District business on the District's systems. E-mail, by subject, may be considered a retainable record and will be filed by the Executive Department according to District policies. It is against District policy and applicable law to delete certain electronic public records, including e-mail, until State retention requirements have been met.

d) Each Commissioner is urged to keep all electronic records separate from personal records held on home personal computers, cell phones, and other media devices. This could avoid being required to review all electronic information stored on personal devices in the event of a public records request and/or legal discovery action.

Compliance with requirements of Social Media Communications:
(defined as the use of third-party hosted online technologies that facilitate social interactions and dialogue)

Each Commissioner will individually comply with the following, applicable to Commissioners acting individually and as a Commission of the District:

a) Social media should not be used to communicate official PUD business by a Commissioner unless such social media is maintained and/or managed by the District.

b) Any social media transmitted or received individually as a Commissioner when performing District business is considered a public record and must be used in such a manner to allow capture of the electronic record by Benton PUD. It is the responsibility of each Commissioner to seek requirements for records retention from the General Manager prior to utilizing a social media site for Benton PUD business that is not already maintained and/or managed by the District.

c) Commissioners with individual social media sites that are of a personal nature should not discuss District business on that site.

d) Any correspondence sent in the capacity as a Commissioner posting to social media sites maintained by others must be retained by the posting Commissioner. Printouts of postings to others' sites may suffice for retention purposes, and those printouts must be transferred to the District's Public Records Officer.

e) Any social media tools utilized should clearly state that all content submitted by members of the public is potentially subject to public disclosure – this notice should be prominently displayed.

f) Communications between Commissioners via social media may constitute a meeting under the Open Public Meetings Act. Each Commissioner is strongly discouraged from "friending" another Commissioner.

g) Any communications by a Commissioner on any social media site, excluding the District's social media site, but including a personal site, should include wording that they are speaking as an individual and not as a commissioner or representative of the District.

h) Messaging "texting" and Cellular Phones: business conducted in any manner is a public record. Care must be taken to ensure that records created are maintained and can be provided if requested. Commissioners are highly encouraged to utilize each of their individual e-mail accounts under the District's e-mail system for business of the District.

POLICY NO. 11 - BOARD TRAINING, ORIENTATION

The Commission shall ensure that its skills are sufficient to assure excellence in governance of Benton PUD.

Specifically:

a) New Commission members shall receive training and orientation in Commission governance, policies, and procedures.

b) New Commission members shall receive an orientation on the District's Strategic Plan.

c) Commission members shall receive training in the skills of effective communication and decision-making.

d) The Commission President may, if needed, receive training in the facilitation of public meetings.

e) Each Commissioner will receive training in the Washington Open Public Meetings Act and the Washington Public Records Act and records retention requirements. For new commissioners, training will take place no later than 90 days after their oath of office and assuming their duties. Refresher training is also required for each commissioner at intervals of no more than four years.

POLICY NO. 12 - COMMISSION REVIEW OF DISTRICT PUBLIC RECORDS

Benton PUD has a duty to comply with appropriate public records requests as prescribed in the Washington Public Records Act. Commissioners do not give up their status as members of the public and therefore can request such information.

Because of the special status conferred upon the Commission as elected representatives, each Commissioner agrees that:

a) Access to District public records may be achieved by providing a "Request for Public Records" to the General Manager. Records requested by a single commissioner will generally be provided by the General Manager to the remaining commissioners. Commission member requests to inspect District documents that do not meet the criteria of a "public record" under RCW 42.56 and/or which may be confidential in nature, shall be forwarded directly to the General Manager, who will consider disclosure of the records depending upon the needs of the business matter being requested, as well as the legal requirements to withhold or disclose the record.

b) No confidential or original records shall be taken from District premises except with the authorization of the General Manager.

c) Commission members shall adhere to the same confidentiality requirements applicable to employees when dealing with the District's records and other documents. Any request for commissioner access to the contents of an employee personnel file will be requested through the General Manager and considered as defined above.

d) Commission members acknowledge that records distributed during Executive Sessions of the Commission may or may not be exempt from production to the public under the Washington Public Records Act and will seek guidance from the General Manager or Legal Counsel if copies of such records are requested prior to disclosing.

POLICY NO. 13 - COMMISSION COMMITTEES

The Commission may establish ad hoc advisory and standing committees. All committees should include designation of members, chairs and a charter describing the committee's purpose.

The Commission will review the committees at least annually to determine whether they should continue.

Specifically:

a) Committees will ordinarily assist the Commission by gaining education, considering alternatives and implications, and preparing policy alternatives.

b) Commission committees may not speak or act for the Commission, except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes.

c) Commission committees cannot exercise authority over staff nor interfere with the delegation from the Commission to the General Manager.

d) Participation by Commissioners in committee meetings shall follow the provisions of the Washington Open Public Meetings Act, in that if two or more Commission members are present, then the meeting must be properly noticed as a public meeting.

e) This policy applies to any group which is formed by Commission action, whether or not it is called a committee. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the General Manager.

POLICY NO. 14 - UNITY OF CONTROL

Only decisions of the Commission acting as a body are binding upon the General Manager, the General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer.

Specifically, in or out of Commission Meetings:

a) Decisions or instructions of individual Commission members are not binding on the General Manager, General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer except in instances when the Commission has specifically authorized such exercise of authority.

b) In the case of a Commission member requesting information or assistance without Commission concurrence, and not in association with a public records request, the General Manager, General Counsel, the District Auditor, or District Treasurer should consider, in their opinion, if the request will require a material amount of staff time or funds, is disruptive to the District, or which may involve a conflict of interest between the District and the Commissioner requesting the information or assistance. In such instances, the General Manager may request Commission concurrence.

c) Commission members individually may communicate directly with District employees or contractors. However, the Commission as a body and the Commission members will never give direction to persons who report directly or indirectly to the General Manager, except for the General Counsel, District Auditor or District Treasurer. If individual Commission members are dissatisfied with the response they receive, they may seek resolution through the General Manager or the Commission.

d) Any commissioner may seek the assistance of Executive Department administrative staff to assist in work relating to the PUD.

e) The Commission as a body and the Commission members will refrain from evaluating, either formally or informally, the job performance of any District employee other than the General Manager.

POLICY NO. 15 - COMMISSION-GENERAL MANAGER RELATIONSHIP

The Commission governs Benton PUD and is the policy-making body of the District. The Commission operates under the provisions of the Revised Code of Washington, Title 54, Title 42 in part, and all other applicable statutes and laws.

The Commission is responsible for the following:

a) Identifying and defining the purpose, values, and vision of the District, along with the results that the District is to achieve and communicating them in the form of policies.

b) Identify those policies (Commission Policies) that require periodic review, and request staff to bring back those policies for review/modification on a minimum two-year cycle.

c) Making certain operational decisions as are designated by law.

d) Hiring, evaluating, and terminating the General Manager.

The General Manager is responsible for the following:

a) In accordance with RCW 54.16.100, serve as the chief administrative officer of the District, overseeing all operations and business affairs.

b) Achieving the results established by the Commission within the appropriate and ethical standards of business conduct set by the Commission.

c) Enforcing Commission policies, administering directives, staff procedures, hiring and terminating all employees, attending meetings of the Commission, and reporting on the general affairs of the District, and keeping the Commission advised as to the current and future business needs of the District.

d) Designating an "Acting General Manager", to administer the functions of the General Manager in the planned absence or temporary disability of the General Manager, with such approval by the President of the Commission, until such time that the Commission may take further action.

e) Appointing a person to serve as the District's Chief Financial Officer. This person may be the District Auditor, District Treasurer, or another person with sufficient education and experience to fulfill the duties of the position. Together with the Chief Financial Officer, the General Manager shall ensure that, to the best of their knowledge and belief, financial reports are complete and reliable in all material respects.

f) Ensuring the smooth continuous operation of the District in the event of the planned or unplanned absence of the General Manager.

g) Interacting with the public and other utilities and government agencies, pursuant to policies and direction adopted by the Commission.

h) Perform other responsibilities as may be appropriately delegated by the Commission.

POLICY NO. 16 - COMMISSION—GENERAL COUNSEL RELATIONSHIP

The General Counsel provides legal counsel to the District and to the Commission. The General Counsel reports both to the Commission and to the General Manager.

The General Manager is ultimately responsible for hiring and terminating the General Counsel subject to Commission concurrence. As a general practice, the Commission and the General Manager shall participate jointly in hiring and terminating the General Counsel.

The General Counsel shall advise the Commissioners regarding potential conflict of interest issues or ethical matters. General Counsel shall provide assistance to individual Commissioners in complying with applicable statutes and laws only when such advice does not conflict with the General Counsel's obligations to the District or to specific direction of the Commission.

The General Manager is responsible for evaluating the General Counsel's performance. The General Manager shall solicit the Commissioner's input in evaluating the performance of the General Counsel, and the Commission may, at its discretion, participate in that evaluation.

With respect to the Commission and the General Manager, the General Counsel shall:

a) Give his or her advice or opinion whenever he or she deems it necessary or when required by the General Manager or Commission.

b) Inform the General Manager or Commission of material legal issues impacting the District or the Commission.

c) When necessary, act independently of the General Manager.

d) Provide counsel to the General Manager, Commission, or individual Commission members about conflict-of-interest issues.

e) Provide counsel to the General Manager, Commission, or individual Commission members about other ethical matters.

f) Assist the General Manager or Commission members in complying with applicable statutes and laws.

g) Not provide legal counsel to Commission members or the General Manager except as it relates to their roles at the District.

h) Not be required to provide counsel to the General Manager if to do so would create a conflict of interest for the general counsel with the Commission or the District.

POLICY NO. 17 - COMMISSION RELATIONSHIP WITH AUDITOR AND TREASURER

The District Auditor (Auditor) and District Treasurer (Treasurer) serve in the capacity set forth by Title 54 of the Revised Code of Washington.

In accordance with RCW 54.16.100, the General Manager serves as the chief administrative officer of the District. As such, the General Manager shall recommend the appointments of Auditor and Treasurer for approval by the Commission.

The Commission, by resolution, shall designate an Auditor and this person shall be a District employee other than the General Manager or Treasurer. The Commission, by resolution, shall designate a person other than the County Treasurer to be District Treasurer and this person shall be a District employee other than the General Manager or Auditor. The Auditor and Treasurer shall perform those duties specified by RCW 54.24.010 and shall be granted direct access to the Commission as necessary in the performance of these duties.

The Auditor and Treasurer shall report through the General Manager or designee for all administrative matters, including hiring, performance evaluations, salary administration, employee benefits, and terminations. The General Manager or delegate may assign additional duties to the Auditor and Treasurer if these duties do not interfere with the Auditor and Treasurer duties as specified by law. The General Manager shall consult with the Commission in advance regarding his or her intention to terminate the Auditor or Treasurer.

The Treasurer or Deputy Treasurer shall provide monthly reports to the Commission summarizing cash and investment activity and provide other reports to the Commission as necessary related to the duties of the Treasurer.

The Auditor or Deputy Auditor shall issue warrants for claims against the District. As soon as practical after issuance of such warrants, the Auditor shall provide a list of all warrants issued and shall certify to the Commission that such disbursements satisfy just, due, and unpaid obligations of the District, in a manner specified by the State Auditor. In order that the Auditor may provide such certification, the Auditor shall conduct internal reviews and audits that provide reasonable assurance as to the internal control systems that provide for the safeguarding of assets from unauthorized use or disposition, adherence to plans, policies, and procedures, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

If the Commission disapproves a claim on the District, the Auditor shall recognize the claim as a receivable of the District and pursue collection.

The Auditor shall develop an annual internal audit plan, and conduct audits contained within the plan or other audits as may be requested by the Commission. The Auditor shall report to the Commission on the progress and results of such audits at least annually. The Auditor, in the performance of his or her duties, shall have unlimited access to all activities, records, property and personnel of the District.

At the direction and oversight of the Commission in its role as Audit Committee, the Auditor shall serve as the chief liaison with all external audit agencies, shall coordinate the proper independent audit of annual financial statements, and shall ensure that the results and findings of such audits are reported to the Commission. In acting in this capacity, the Auditor does not relieve the Commission of its Audit Committee oversight responsibilities.

POLICY NO. 18 - DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL MANAGER

The Commission will instruct the General Manager through written policies, normally in the form of resolutions, motions, or minute entries, that define the results that the organization is to achieve, and which describe the delegation of authority to the General Manager.

Specifically:

a) The Commission shall develop policies that define the delegation to the General Manager about the General Manager’s authority.

b) The Commission authorizes the General Manager, at his discretion, to further delegate to the Chief Financial Officer or other management employees the authority to carry out or approve actions as specified in the motion or resolution. Accountability to the Commission for these actions remains with the General Manager. The General Manager retains the authority to delegate to others unless the motion or resolution specifically disallows further delegation of General Manager authority. Specific approval authority delegated by the General Manager will be by written directive and/or email, and can be defined as either on-going, or temporary.

c) General Manager will designate authority to an “Acting General Manager” that is applicable only during his absence due to business needs or during times when he is unable to function in his capacity as the General Manager. This specific authority may not be further delegated and shall be approved by the Commission.

d) The General Manager is authorized to establish all further directives, make all decisions, take all actions, establish all practices, and develop all activities to achieve the goals set forth by the Commission for the District.

e) The General Manager must bring to the Commission’s attention circumstances that affect the goals established by the Commission and may request the Commission take appropriate actions.

f) The Commission may change its delegation to the General Manager at any time, thereby expanding or limiting the authority of the General Manager. However, whenever delegated authority identified within this policy is acted upon by the General Manager, the Commission will not modify the authority acted upon as long as it was made within the General Manager’s delegation of authority as it existed at the time.

POLICY NO. 19 - BUDGET AND PROCUREMENT AUTHORITY

By resolution, the Commission shall set forth the authority of the General Manager to manage and expend District funds in accordance with financial policies and budgetary limits. Procurement of goods and services shall take place in accordance with applicable legal requirements in a fair, competitive, and inclusive manner to maximize the benefit to the District’s ratepayers/customers.

Financial Policies

The Commission, by resolution, shall adopt financial policies that provide guidance to the General Manager in managing the finances of the District and in developing budgets, financial plans, and rates. At a minimum, these policies shall 1) provide for sufficient liquidity relative to the District’s risk profile, 2) provide for adequate coverage to meet debt covenants, 3) establish criteria for debt and rate financed capital expenditures, 4) require that budgets be developed based on conservative and prudent assumptions consistent with standard industry practice, and 5) establish budgetary and procurement controls over expenditures.

Budgetary Authority

The Commission, by resolution, shall approve the District's budget prior to the start of each fiscal year. The District's financial transactions shall be recorded within proprietary fund(s) adopted by the Commission. As such, the District does not have governmental funds with legally adopted budgets that carry the force of law. The General Manager shall manage the District's operations within the approved budget levels consistent with authority levels set forth in the financial policies.

Procurement Authority

The Commission, by resolution, shall establish procurement authorities and guidelines for the General Manager consistent with state laws and regulations. The General Manager shall establish procurement controls that provide reasonable assurance that the procurement of goods and services are made for a valid business purpose and within authorized budget levels.

It is District policy that procurement decisions be made free from actual or perceived conflicts of interest consistent with the District's Code of Ethics.

It is District policy that due diligence and prudent judgment be exercised in the making of procurement decisions, including conducting a risk assessment. If the General Manager reasonably determines that a procurement activity presents, regardless of the size of the financial commitment, either: (i) a unique and significant operational risk to the District; or (ii) a significant impact to customers, the General Manager shall inform the Commission.

POLICY NO. 20 - EVALUATING THE GENERAL MANAGER'S PERFORMANCE

The General Manager's job performance shall be evaluated by comparing the organization's operations and results and the General Manager's performance to the policies established by the Commission.

Specifically:

a) The Commission shall evaluate the General Manager's performance on an annual basis and shall from time to time fix the General Manager's compensation by resolution.

b) The evaluation will be based on an evaluation of the organization's performance and the General Manager's personal performance against the results established by the Commission.

c) The General Manager shall propose, for Commission approval, performance criteria each year that represents his or her reasonable interpretation of achieving the results defined by the Commission.

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	Bond Financing Overview and 2026 Issuance Update	
Authored by:	Keith Mercer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Keith Mercer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Keith Mercer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager/Asst GM

Type of Agenda Item:	**Type of Action Needed:** *(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)*	
☐ Consent Agenda	☐ Pass Motion	☐ Decision / Direction
☒ Business Agenda	☐ Pass Resolution	☒ Info Only
☐ Public Hearing	☐ Contract/Change Order	☐ Info Only/Possible Action
☐ Other Business	☐ Sign Letter / Document	☐ Presentation Included

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None

Background/Summary

Staff will provide an educational overview of municipal bond financing and the District's planned 2026 electric revenue bond issuance. The presentation will explain how utilities use bond financing to fund long-term infrastructure investments, review the rationale for the proposed bond issue, compare financial forecasts with and without bond financing, discuss key risks and considerations, and outline the bond issuance process and timeline. The presentation is intended to provide background information and prepare the Commission for future bond-related decisions regarding the proposed bond issuance. No Commission action is requested at this time.

Recommendation

None

Fiscal Impact

None

COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	July 14, 2026	
Subject:	#25-51-02 – Bonneville Power Administration - Provider of Choice Power Sales Agreement, Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election	
Authored by:	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn	General Manager

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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion authorizing the General Manager to elect Option A and to send notice of the District's Above-Contract High Water Mark election to Bonneville Power Administration by the deadline of July 27, 2026.

Background/Summary

On October 14, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2709, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Provider of Choice, Load Following Power Sales Agreement (Contract #25-51-02) with Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) for a term of service from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2044. Furthermore, Resolution No. 2709 authorized the General Manager and/or his designees to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the Agreement.

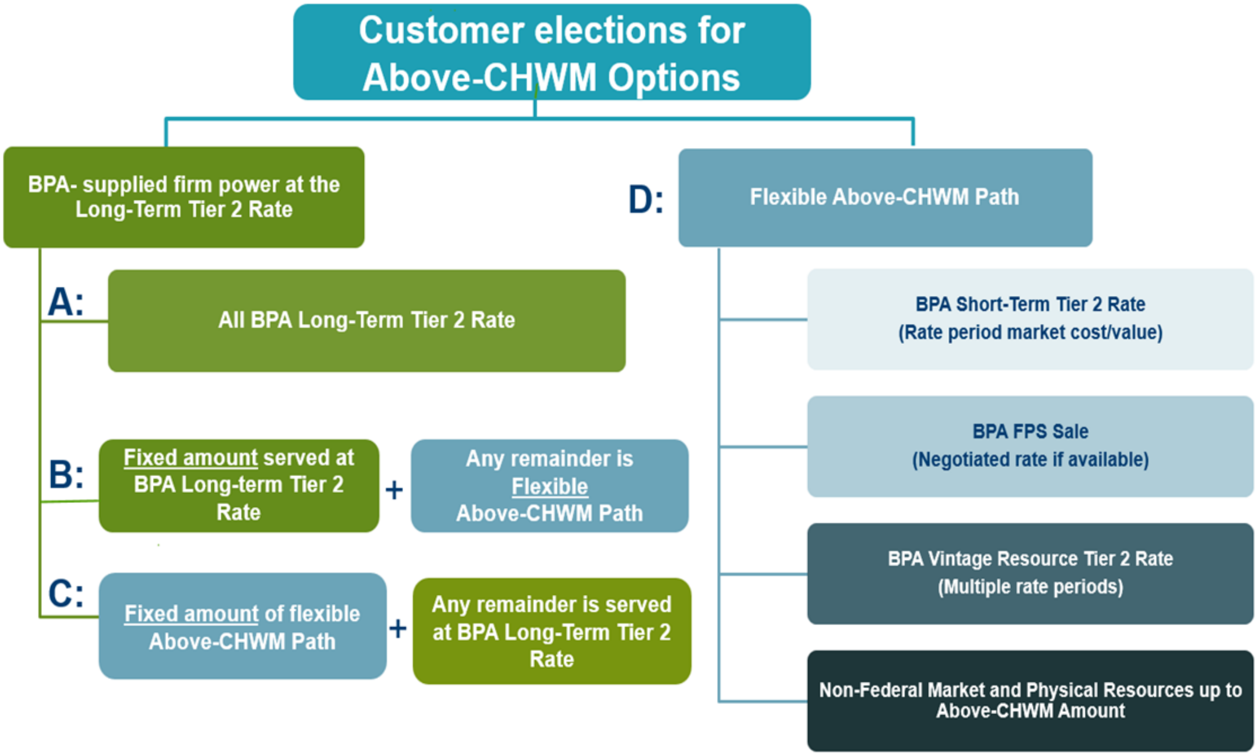
On March 24, 2026, Staff presented to Commission regarding BPA's Above Contract High Water Mark (Above-CHWM) load service election options, as shown in the diagram below, with a Staff leaning towards electing the "All BPA Long-Term Tier 2 Rate" (Option A) to serve all future Above-CHWM load.

On May 11, 2026, the District's Risk Management Committee (RMC), with consultation from The Energy Authority (TEA), discussed BPA's Above-CHWM options and Tier 2 pricing considerations.

On May 28, 2026, BPA published the final Provider of Choice CHWM amounts.

On June 9, 2026, Staff presented a Draft 2026 Resource Plan that included an assumption of electing Option A, consistent with Staff leaning, and primarily influenced by the District's relatively low Above-CHWM forecast, forecast uncertainty (could be higher or lower), lack of non-BPA generation resources, and the District's ongoing concerns about regional resource adequacy and BPA market reliance.

On June 23, 2026, Staff presented to Commission for the second time regarding BPA's Above CHWM load service election options, as shown in the diagram below, with a Staff leaning continuing to be electing Option A to serve all future Above-CHWM load.



After receiving the District's election notice, BPA will revise section 2.1 of Exhibit C of #25-51-02 by March 31, 2027, to reflect its Above-CHWM election. Additionally, by September 30, 2026, BPA will revise section 1.1 of Exhibit B of #25-51-02 to reflect Benton PUD's CHWM amount.

Recommendation

Recommend electing Option A, where all Above-CHWM load will be served at the Tier 2 Long-Term Rate. The District must submit its Above-CHWM election to BPA by the deadline of July 27, 2026.

Customer Name:	Benton PUD	
Above-CHWM Options	**Tier 2 Service Election** *(Add an "X" in one of the four options in this column)*	**Fixed Average Megawatt (aMW) Election Amount** *(Indicate fixed amount if Option B or C were elected for the Tier 2 Service Election)*
Option A	**X**	N/A
Option B		
Option C		
Option D		N/A

Fiscal Impact

The election of Option A is consistent with the budget assumptions used in the District's annual Power Supply Plan.

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