

## RESOLUTION No. 2020-006

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington ("the PUD"), regarding Emergency Policies and Procedures in Light of the Novel Corona Virus and Outbreak of COVID-19 in the United States of America and Declaring an Emergency.

WHEREAS, Washington State has experienced a growing number of verified cases and deaths related to the spread of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and the Washington State Governor declared a state of emergency in Washington State on February 29, 2020, directing state agencies to use all resources necessary to prepare for and respond to the outbreak; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization has declared that the spread of the Corona virus has reached pandemic proportions throughout the world; and

WHEREAS the President of the United States declared a national state of emergency on March 13, 2020, and the Center for Disease Control has confirmed that the spread of the Corona virus has reached global pandemic proportions;

WHEREAS, reliable water, electricity, sewer and telecommunications services are critical to compliance with the statewide emergency directives; ensuring proper hygiene necessary to prevent the transmission of the disease and ensuring citizens, businesses, public agencies, service organizations and educational institutions are able to remain productive through use of utility systems during this state of emergency;

WHEREAS the PUD could experience severe impacts to its rate payers and employees and experience a significantly reduced staff as a result of the COVID-19 and associated responses; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the PUD approve the implementation of policies and procedures necessary to ensure that the operational needs of the PUD continue to be met; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the PUD recognize that temporary employment policies may be necessary to safeguard and protect employees of the PUD; and, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Commission of Public Utility District No. I of Jefferson County hereby declares an emergency and authorizes the General Manager to develop temporary employment policies to safeguard the health and welfare of the PUD's employees and implement federal and state regulations designed to limit the occurrence of COVID-19.

BE IT FURTHER RESOVLED, that the General Manager is authorized to implement necessary policies to allow for the operational needs of the PUD in order to provide continued safe and reliable services to the public.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission directs the General Manager to close its offices to the general public during the time of this emergency to protect against further spreading of COVID-19, to develop and implement plans and procedures to safely meet with the public, and to continue providing all utility services, and receive payments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager is directed to take measures to ensure the health and safety of ratepayers by limiting the disconnection of services due to non-payment during the term of the statewide emergency declaration for customers who notify the PUD of economic hardship due to the COVID-19 emergency;

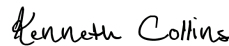
AND, FINALLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall remain in effect for so long as the State of Emergency is deemed to exist in the State of Washington, or until revoked by the Commissioners of the PUD.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, at a regular open meeting held this 18th day of March 2020.

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Dan Toepper, President



Kenneth Collins, Vice President

ATTEST:



Jeff Randall, Secretary