RESOLUTION NO. 721

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY, PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29A.76 RCW AND CHAPTER 54.12 RCW, PROVIDING FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF THE EXISTING COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS

WHEREAS, in accordance with RCW 54.12.010(6) and Chapter 29A.76 RCW, the Commission is required to examine the District's boundaries according to the 2010 federal decennial census information for Whatcom County and establish Commissioner District Boundaries consistent with the purpose and goals of Chapter 29A.76 RCW and Chapter 54.12 RCW; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2017, pursuant to RCW 29A.76.010(5), the Commission for Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County held a public hearing concerning the affirmation of and the continued use of the existing Commissioner District Boundaries; and

WHEREAS, following the public hearing, the Commissioners considered the criteria set forth in RCW 29A.76.010(4) and information provided to the Commission during the public hearing, including the staff report and the 2010 federal decennial census information for Whatcom County; and

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County now desires to establish the Commissioner District Boundaries for Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County and affirm that it will continue to use the existing Commissioner District Boundaries for Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Commission for Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County make the following findings and resolutions to establish the Commissioner District Boundaries for Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County

1. FINDINGS.

a. The Commission finds that the districts as set forth on Exhibit A meet the criteria set forth in RCW 29A.76.010(4) as follows:

i. Each Commissioner District is as nearly equal in population as possible to each and every other Commissioner District comprising the Public Utility District such that the variation of population according to the 2010 Census Population Data is less than 2,270 people or less than 3.2% per District in all instances.

ii. Given the size of the Public Utility District and the distribution of population within the Public Utility District, each Commissioner District is as compact as possible.

iii. Each Commissioner District consists of a geographically contiguous area.

iv. No comment was received by any individual or entity that the current or proposed Commissioner District favored or disfavored any racial group or political party. Nor has any such complaint been received by the District since the Commissioner District Boundaries were last established.

v. The Commissioner District Boundaries in Exhibit A coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and, to the extent possible, preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest. These boundaries, where possible, follow highways, roadways, section lines and neighborhoods.

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2. **ESTABLISHMENT OF COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS.** The Commission District Boundaries depicted on Exhibit A with the corresponding Commissioner District numbers are hereby affirmed as the Commissioner Districts for the Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County.

**ADOPTED** at the open public meeting with all Commissioners present this 28th day of March, 2017.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY, COMMISSION

Paul Kenner, President

Jeff McClure, Vice President

Michael Murphy, Secretary