

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT No. 1
of Whatcom County

**Agenda for the
Special Meeting of July 21, 2020
8:30 a.m. via Teleconference**

8:00 a.m. Commissioners may gather at the PUD office following social distancing guidelines

8:30 **Call to Order | Meeting Opening**

Broadband:

8:30 - 9:00 **Whatcom Public Utility District**

- PUD Telecom authority
- What other PUDs in the state are doing now
- Overview of Whatcom's past foray into broadband
- Lessons learned

9:00 - 9:30 **Port of Skagit/Skagit PUD/Skagit Net** – Overview of Skagit Net

9:30 - 10:15 **Port of Bellingham**

- Overview of how they got to where they are at now – county fiber network;
- Feasibility study;
- Countywide plan;
- Status of first segment implementation and other, current, technology efforts;
- Port of Bellingham and other Washington Ports Broadband/Fiber Programs

10:15-10:30 **City of Bellingham** – Fiber Optics

10:30 -10:40 **BREAK**

10:40 - 10:50 **Mynd Global** – Investment in Broadband Infrastructure

10:50 - 11:00 **John Humphrey** – Local Perspective

11:00 - 11:30 **Agreement concept with Port of Bellingham (PUD/Port)**

11:30 - 12:00 **Broadband Wrap Up**

12:00 - 12:30 **BREAK**

Energy

- 12:30 - 1:00** **PUD – Energy Services Overview**
- 1:00 - 1:45** **City of Bellingham**
- City’s Climate Action Goals, Public Power, and Renewable Energy
- 1:45 - 2:30** **Puget Sound Energy**
- Current De-carbonization Programs;
 - Renewable Energy Program
- 2:30 - 2:40** **BREAK**
- 2:40 - 3:00** **Eric Powell – Renewable Natural Gas**
- Digesters;
 - Injection into Natural Gas Pipelines;
 - Local Projects;
 - Potential PUD Role
- 3:00 - 3:30** **BP – Discussion on BP Corporate Initiatives**
- 3:30 - 3:40** **Hydrogen Project** proposed for Cherry Point
- 3:35 - 4:45** **Energy Wrap Up**
- 4:45 p.m.** **Adjourn**

Public Comment Period: Opportunity during each wrap-up break; Written Questions/Comments may be submitted via Zoom Question & Answer technology.

Note: Until further notice:

Whatcom PUD’s Offices are currently closed to public access.

Due to the **Updated Open Public Meetings Act General Guidance**

Regarding the COVID-19 Event, the PUD Meeting Room will not be open to the public.

All Commissioners may participate via teleconference.

The public meeting can accessed by internet:

Link to join Zoom webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89225883405>

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