

CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY	105.53
CESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	176.09
CHMELIK SITKIN & DAVIS	8,140.00
COMCAST	322.09
COMCAST - NWRC	517.47
COMPRESSORS NORTHWEST (AIRWARE INC)	43,189.12
DESHMANE, ATUL	804.32
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING NORTHWEST	52.00
FEDERAL EXPRESS	26.12
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	120.71
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	31,302.50
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	386.73
MASSMUTUAL RETIREMENT SVCS LLC	16,960.00
MOODY'S INVESTORS SERVICE	52,000.00
MOTION AND FLOW CONTROL PRODUCTS INC	893.84
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	485.56
NW PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION	780.00
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	23,066.58
PACIFIC POWER BATTERIES	523.20
PAYLOCITY	212.88
PAYROLL	337,973.02
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	462.62
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	2,227.50
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	799.08
RWC GROUP	164.07
SMITH MECHANICAL	410.06
STAR RENTALS	1,708.88
TOTH AND ASSOCIATES, INC	270.00
ULINE, INC.	2,575.55
URY, EDWARD	1,127.74
WA FEDERAL VISA CARD MEMBER SERVICES	14,379.23
WA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	550.00
WA ST DEPT OF REVENUE - EXCISE TAX	97,261.77
WESTERN CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS	9,516.50
WESTERN SOLAR	6,086.82
WHATCOM FARMERS CO-OP	242.41
WHISTLE WORKWEAR	88.28
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 1,360,834.65

4. Public Comment – None

5. General Manager’s Report – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported that he will be out of the office for the next two weeks so Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager will fill in for him at the next commission meeting. The general manager opened discussion regarding Senate Bill 5466 creating a transmission planning oversight committee. A lengthy discussion was had between the general manager and the commissioners.

6. Operations Report – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager reported that with the recent heavy rains the Nooksack river has been considerably higher than normal. Mr. Wank commended the work of the water operations crew for staying on top of the rising water levels and ensuring stable water plant operation.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband Update – Andrew Entrikin, Director of Broadband and New Power Supply reported to the Commission that Round 2 of the BEAD grant process is underway and will be finishing up May 16th. The goal for Round 2 is to get proposals down to the \$7,000 per household threshold.

b) Adjudication Update – Jon Sitkin, Legal Counsel reported that the adjudications summonses have been sent out and that the process is now officially underway.

d) Geothermal Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported to the commission that Energy Northwest had reached out and asked for Whatcom PUD’s direct involvement in a geothermal study they were proposing. Whatcom PUD declined to participate in the study but the General Manager wrote a letter of support for Energy Northwest.

e) Strategic Plan Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager informed the Commission that the strategic planning process is in motion and that the initial strategic planning meeting will be held tentatively during the week of April 21, 2025 with potential meeting dates of the 21st, 24th, and/or the 25th.

8. New Business

a) Report 1: Brian Walters, Assistant General Manager reported to the commission on the new BPA Power Sales Agreement to be signed by Whatcom PUD and staff recommendations. Staff recommends that:

1. a “Load Following” Power Sales Agreement be requested
2. Whatcom PUD elect 100% BPA Tier 2 product to cover electric system load growth above CHWM aMWs for the first rate period und the new PSA
3. Whatcom PUD explore non-federal resource options to cover Tier 2 load growth for future rate periods, particularly if load growth becomes significant (20-50 aMWs)

b) Report 2: Jon Sitkin, Legal Counsel reminded the commission of their responsibility to make sure they take OPMA/PRA Training and turn their certificates in. This reminder was in place of the proposed training due to time constraints of the meeting.

c) Action 1: Commissioner Ury made a motion to Approve Professional Services Agreement (PSA) With Pacific Surveying And Engineering, To Perform Engineering And Surveying Services For The Whatcom PUD And Authorize The General Manager To Sign The Agreement. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

d) Resolution 1: Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve Resolution 874 Updating The Signatories At Whatcom County. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

e) Resolution 2: Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve Resolution 875 Honoring Assistant General Manager Brian Walters. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:

Commissioner Arnett had nothing to report

Commissioner Ury had nothing to report

Commissioner Dushman had nothing to report

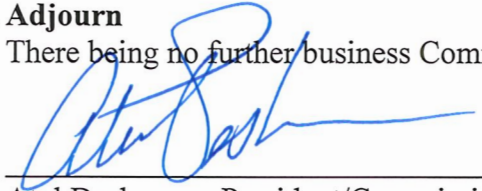
10. Public Comment – Rick Maricle congratulated Mr. Walters on his retirement. Commissioners and Staff also congratulated Mr. Walters on his retirement and a standing ovation was given in his honor.

11. Executive Session

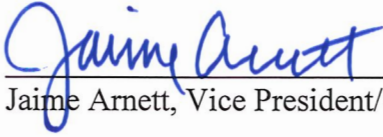
None.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 10:41 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner



Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

Commission Clerk Note:

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