

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL
MEETING OF THE COMMISSION
November 10, 2025**

1. Call to Order | Pledge of Allegiance

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Whatcom County was called to order at 9:01 a.m. by Commissioner Atul Deshmane. Said meeting was open to the public and notice thereof had been given as required by law.

Those present at the meeting included:

COMMISSION AND STAFF

Atul Deshmane	Commissioner
Jaime Arnett	Commissioner
Eddy Ury	Commissioner
Jon Sitkin	General Counsel, CSD Attorneys at Law
Chris Heimgartner	General Manager
Aaron Peterson	IT/SCADA Technician
Andrew Entrikin	Director – Broadband and New Power Supply
Annette Smith	Finance Director
Garrett Love-Smith	Engineering Manager
Jon Littlefield	Electric System Supervisor
Joseph Shay	Clerk of the Board / Records
Kurt Wank	Assistant General Manager
Lisa Moeller	Director – HR & Communications
Mike Macomber	IT/SCADA Technician
Rebecca Schlotterback	Contracts and Regulatory Compliance Manager
Stephanie Hooper	Accountant I

VISITORS

Brian Heinrich	PSE
Andrea Doyle	AltaGas

2. Approval of Agenda

ACTION:

An additional item of potential litigation was added to the agenda prior to the start of the meeting. Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve the agenda with the additional executive item addition. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

a) Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 28, 2025, Approval of the Minutes of the Special Commission Meeting of November 3, 2025 and Approval of the Claims of November 10, 2025:

Commissioner Deshmane pointed out a correction that needed to be made to the minutes of October 28, 2025. Commissioner Arnett made a motion to approve the consent agenda in totality with the correction to the minutes of October 28, 2025. Commissioner Ury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Claims of November 10, 2025:

ALPINE POWER SYSTEMS INC	3,209.60
ALUMICHEM CANADA INC (formerly WATERHOUSE ENV.)	34,507.20
ASTOUND BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	555.85
AT&T MOBILITY	1,821.19
CDW/COMPUTER DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE	7,832.11
CENTRAL WELDING SUPPLY	52.77
CESCO NEW CONCEPT CHEMICAL PRODUCTS	123.39
CORNERSTONE MANAGEMENT, INC.	736.00
CRINA HOYER CONSULTING	292.50

CULLIGAN NORTHWEST	348.91
DESHMANE, ATUL	374.87
EUROFINS ENVIRONMENT TESTING	37.00
EXACT SCIENTIFIC SERVICES INC.	30.00
FASTENAL	353.42
FERGUSON ENTERPRISES, INC	4,296.14
FERNDALE ACE HARDWARE	78.00
FERNDALE CITY OF	299.69
HARDWARE SALES, INC .	79.37
HD FOWLER CO, INC	7,822.73
HEALTH PROMOTIONS NORTHWEST	150.00
HEIMGARTNER, CHRIS	1,529.84
HESS, DEVIN	220.10
HOOPER, STEPHANIE	62.30
KNOWBE4, INC.	4,206.47
LEN HONCOOP GRAVEL, INC.	15,232.00
MOTION AND FLOW CONTROL PRODUCTS INC	48.33
NEL/SON DISTRIBUTING DBA NELSON-REISNER	1,557.51
NORTHWEST FIBER DBA ZIPLY FIBER	884.28
ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	358.00
P&P EXCAVATING, LLC	125,141.68
PARAMOUNT SUPPLY COMPANY	145.37
PLATT ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	1,935.89
PRINCIPAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	746.63
PROSCAPES	565.76
PUBLIC UTILITY RISK MANAGEMENT SERVICES	10,467.44
PUD #1 OF WHATCOM COUNTY	9,102.74
PUGET SOUND ENERGY, INC	7,947.53
RDS - RECYCLING & DISPOSAL SERVICE	30.44
REGENCE BLUE SHIELD	52,423.22
RICOH USA	122.60
RICOH USA FINANCIAL SVC	128.23
SMITH MECHANICAL	492.11
SSC - SANITARY SERVICE COMPANY	688.34
STAR RENTALS	1,708.88
TEAMSTER LOCAL #231	744.00
ULINE, INC.	3,455.66
UNITED WAY OF WHATCOM COUNTY	425.00
UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	16.20
VALVOLINE	172.88
WA PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION	20.00
WASHINGTON DENTAL SERVICE	3,403.60
WASHINGTON TEAMSTERS WELFARE	14,042.70
WHATCOM FARMERS CO-OP	130.71
WHATCOM JANITORIAL	1,575.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 322,732.18

4. **Public Comment** – None.

5. **General Manager’s Report** – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported on his attendance at the PPC meeting. He also noted he plans to attend the upcoming NWPPA meeting to discuss fusion and that there will be a meeting on the geothermal project this Friday, November 14, 2025. The General Manager informed the commission that due to his upcoming travel schedule and the current state of air travel in the United State he may need to attend the next regular commission meeting virtually.

6. Operations Report – Kurt Wank, Assistant General Manager informed the commission of the completion of the replacement of an old H frame wood power pole with a new steel monopole. He also noted that the plant 2 basin washdowns had been completed last week and that the plant 1 basin washdowns would commence this week.

7. Old Business

a) Broadband Update – None

b) Adjudication Update – Jon Sitkin, General Counsel updated the commission on the work the rules committee is doing in regards to the adjudication and noted that there is potential for confusion regarding filing dates that may be forthcoming as there has been a lack of continuity regarding the dissemination of claim packets to potential claimants.

c) Geothermal Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager again noted the meeting on the geothermal project this Friday, November 14, 2025.

d) Strategic Plan Update – Chris Heimgartner, General Manager reported that Lisa Moeller, Director of HR & Communications, is working with MFA (Maul, Foster, Alongi) on the finalization of the strategic plan and is hoping to present the finalized plan for approval by next commission meeting.

e) New Customer Update – None.

8. New Business

a) Commissioner Ury made a motion to approve Action 1: Authorize General Manager to Approve Change Order Authorization for MFA. Commissioner Arnett seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Commission Reports/Per Diem Requests:

Commissioner Arnett: No non-pre-approved per diem requests

Commissioner Deshmane: No non-pre-approved per diem requests

Commissioner Ury: No non-pre-approved per diem requests

The commissioners had a discussion regarding several upcoming events and clarified who would be attending what events.

10. Public Comment – None.

11. Executive Session

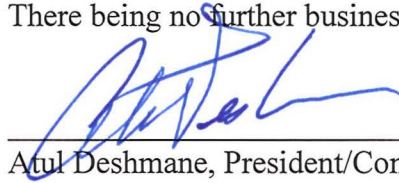
Commissioner Deshmane made the following announcements: Executive session was convened at 9:55 AM to discuss the following subjects:

- Pending or Potential Litigation - Adjudication:
Executive session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation - adjudication pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)
- Pending or Potential Litigation:
Executive session to discuss with legal counsel pending or potential litigation pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)

The executive session was expected to last 50 minutes and conclude at 10:45 AM. The executive session was extended at 10:45 AM for 5 minutes and was expected to conclude at 10:50 AM. Commissioner Deshmane announced that the executive session had concluded at 10:50 AM at which point he resumed the regular meeting.

12. Adjourn

There being no further business Commissioner Deshmane adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.



Atul Deshmane, President/Commissioner



Jaime Arnett, Vice President/Commissioner

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Eddy Ury, Secretary/Commissioner

Commission Clerk Note:

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