



AGENDA
BENTON COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 9, 2026, 9:00 AM
2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, WA

The meeting is also available via MS Teams
The conference call line (audio only) is:
1-323-553-2644; Conference ID: 359 861 969#

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Agenda Review**

- 4. Public Hearing #2 – 2026 Resource Plan – Draft Review – B. Scherer** pg. 3

- 5. Setting Public Hearing #3 – 2026 Resource Plan (Final Approval) – B. Scherer** pg. 80

- 6. Public Comment**
(Individuals desiring to provide public comment during the meeting on items relating to District business, whether in person or remotely will be recognized by the Commission President and provided an opportunity to speak. Comments are limited to five minutes. Public Comment can also be sent to the Clerk of the Board in advance of the meeting at commission@bentonpud.org. Guidelines for Public Participation can be found on the Benton PUD District website at <https://www.bentonpud.org/About/Commission/Meeting-Agendas-Minutes>.)

- 7. Treasurer’s Report – K. Mercer** pg. 82

- 8. Approval of Consent Agenda**
(All matters listed within the Consent Agenda have been distributed to each member of the Commission for reading and study are considered routine and will be enacted by one motion of the Commission with no separate discussion. If separate discussion is desired by any member of the Commission, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the Regular Agenda by request.)

- Executive Administration
 - a. Minutes of Regular Commission Meeting of May 26, 2026 pg. 86
 - b. Travel Report dated June 9, 2026 pg. 92
- Finance
 - c. Vouchers dated June 9, 2026 pg. 93
- Operations/Engineering
 - d. Red Tail Apartments – WO #693637 pg. 111
- Procurement
 - e. Contract Recommendation – Southern Electrical Equipment Company, Inc. (SEECO) – 115kV – Switches - Bid #26-21-08 pg. 113
 - f. Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG) – Change Order #3 - Contract #21-02-03 pg. 121

9. Management Report

10. Business Agenda

- a. Resolution No. 2728 – Benton PUD Emergency Response Policies –
K. Mercer pg. 124

- b. Resolution No. 2727 - Procedure for Procurement of Materials, Equipment,
Supplies, Services, Public Works, Personal Services, and Emergency
Procurements – M. Ochweri pg. 141

11. Other Business

12. Future Planning

13. Meeting Reports


14. Executive Session

15. Adjournment

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COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	2026 Resource Plan – Draft Review	
Authored by:	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager/Asst GM
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Business Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Approve Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Letter / Document <input type="checkbox"/> Decision / Direction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Info Only <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only/Possible Action <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation Included	

Motion for Commission Consideration:

None

Background/Summary

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District’s [Resource Plan development webpage](#) for the latest information and to provide input.¹

For Public Hearing #2, Staff will provide a short presentation and review the Draft document, including, but not limited to, the following topics:

1. Review of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) requirements
2. Review of work in progress edits and red-line changes compared to the 2024 Resource Plan
3. Discussion of incorporating the 2026 Load Forecast²
4. Discussion of resource adequacy
5. Status of the BPA Provider of Choice contract High Water Mark & Above High Water Mark election
6. Review of public input options and public comments received to date
7. Schedule for final approval

¹ Benton PUD’s Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>

² [2026 Load Forecast](#) – Approved by Resolution No. 2726 on 5/26/2026

Recommendation

Recommend the District prepare a 2026 Resource Plan to be compliant with RCW 19.280.

Fiscal Impact

N/A



**2026 Resource Plan
for 2027-2036**

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1. Executive Summary

The District prepares a Resource Plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 19.280, as discussed within **Section 2 – Resource Plan Overview**. This Resource Plan incorporates the District’s most recent load forecast and Conservation Potential Assessment, as discussed within **Section 3 - Load**. The Resource Plan considers the District’s existing resources, listed within **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and then describes, within **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**, the District’s 10-year strategy for meeting its future power supply needs.

The District’s 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 1-1**.

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District’s BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA’s load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA’s Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA’s 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District’s strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA’s load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA’s long-term Tier 2 power.

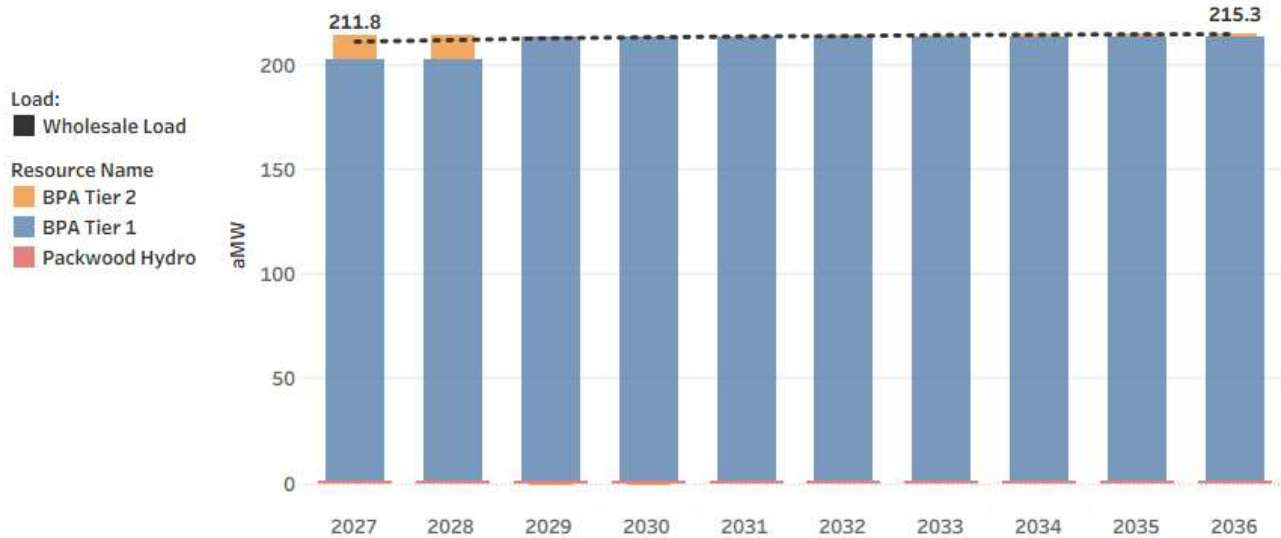


Figure 1-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Fiscal Year

This Resource Plan also describes the District’s strategy for complying with Washington State energy policies, as discussed in the following sections:

- **Section 6 – Energy Independence Act** describes District’s commitment to energy conservation as a resource and the District’s strategy to purchase unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to comply with the 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) through calendar year 2029.
- **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act** describes the District’s current ~95% clean energy position and the plan to meet the 2030 greenhouse gas neutral standard by using unbundled RECs to cover its 5% need, while also satisfying its RPS requirement.

2. Resource Plan Overview

Washington State Law

The District prepares a resource plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280. As described within RCW 19.280.010, *“It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity. To achieve this end, the legislature finds it essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers' electricity needs in both the short term and the long term.”*

Resource Plan Types

There are two types of resource plans defined by RCW 19.280.020, as described below:

1. **Integrated Resource Plan** means an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1).
 - Required by utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not Full Requirements Customers.
 - An updated Integrated Resource Plan must be developed at least every four years and progress reports reflecting changing conditions and the progress of the Integrated Resource Plan must be produced, at a minimum, every two years.
2. **Resource Plan** means an assessment that estimates electricity loads and resources over a defined period of time and complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5).
 - Required by all other utilities, unless voluntarily electing to develop a full Integrated Resource Plan.
 - Resource Plans must be updated, at a minimum, on intervals of two years.

Effective October 1, 2023, the District became a Full Requirements Customer, as defined by RCW 19.280.020—*meaning an electric utility that relies on BPA for all power needed to supply its total load requirement other than that served by non-dispatchable generating resources totaling no more than six megawatts or renewable resources.* As a Full Requirements Customer, the District has elected to prepare a Resource Plan. Copies of previous resource plans and other supporting documents are available on the District’s “Resource Plan” webpage.¹

Requirements

Resource Plans must comply with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5)—per the Resource Plan definition. Refer to **Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements** for the list of applicable requirements and the sections of this Resource Plan that address each requirement. The Department of Commerce² requires utilities to submit a common resource plan cover sheet by September 1, as attached in **Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet**.

¹ https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Resource_Plan

² Commerce resource plans - <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/energy-policy/electricity-policy/utility-resource-plans/>

3. Load

Load Forecast

The District’s wholesale load forecast,³ reported as annual average demand (aMW) and annual peak demand (MW), is shown below in **Figure 3-1**. The load forecast’s 10-year annual average demand growth from 2026 to 2036 is only 0.21%. This is the same forecast as described by the 2026 Load Forecast approved in May 2026.⁴

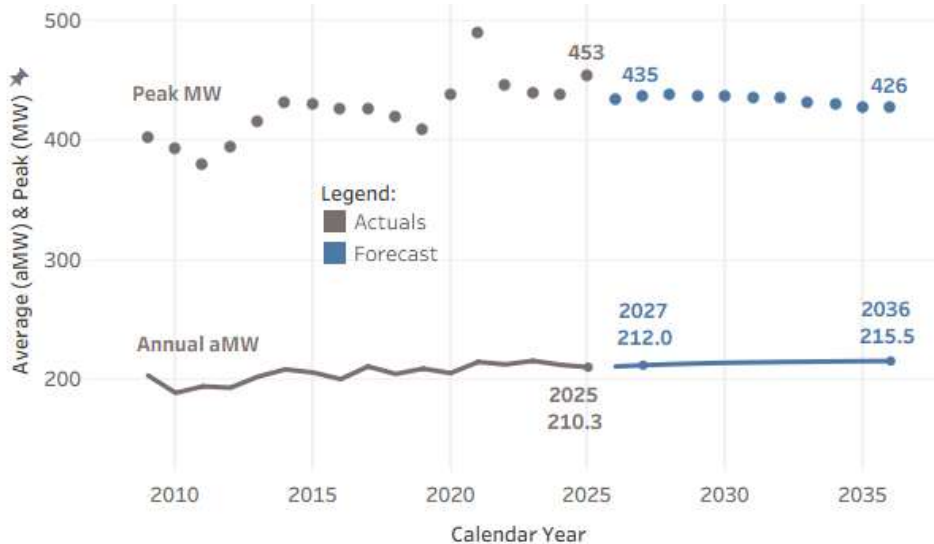


Figure 3-1 – Forecast of annual wholesale load

Conservation

The load forecast includes 11.0 aMW of cumulative conservation over the forecast period, as shown below in **Figure 3-2**, in context of retail load.² The conservation is comprised of 5.8 aMW of residential and 5.2 aMW of non-residential conservation, consistent with the District’s most recent Conservation Potential Assessment, as referenced within the **Energy Conservation** subsection of **Section 6 - Energy Independence Act**.

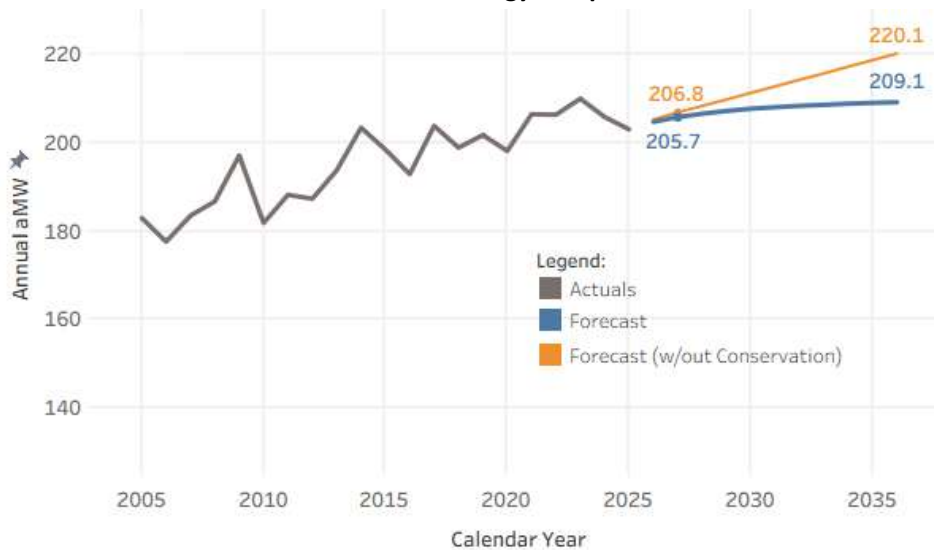


Figure 3-2 – Forecast of annual retail load

³ “Wholesale” load refers to the total power supply need, including District system losses. “Retail” load excludes losses.

⁴ [2026 Load Forecast](#) – Resolution No. 2726, 5/26/2026

Demand Response

The District prepares a Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) every two years to support the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requirement to assess the amount of demand response resources that are cost-effective, reliable, and feasible for meeting the CETA standards. Copies of previous DRPA's and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Demand Response" webpage.⁵ Currently, Benton PUD has not found demand response to be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. The District's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) for 2026-2029⁶ specified a target of 0 MW, same as the 2022-2025 CEIP, which remains sufficient for the District's obligation in meeting the CETA standards.

On October 11, 2022, at a Commission strategic planning session, District staff presented the status of demand response program development and recommended that the District evaluate new drivers of demand response after its conversion to BPA's load following contract and to wait for BPA's Post-2028 rate design before developing its demand response strategy.⁷ As also recommended, the District has implemented rate-based demand charges, including time-of-day demand for residential customers, and voltage optimization for energy efficiency.

In 2026, the District added a Strategic Plan action item to develop a demand response program pilot to further explore if demand response may be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. Developing a pilot is in response to concerns about regional resource adequacy and the increasing risk of an energy or transmission emergency as well as the expectation of increasing BPA demand and capacity charges that will go into effect on October 1, 2028, for the Provider of Choice contract, per BPA's published Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM).⁸

Electrification

Per RCW 19.280.030(5)(e), Resource Plans need to account for:

- i) modeled load forecast scenarios of zero emissions vehicles,
- ii) relevant information in electrification of transportation plans, and
- iii) assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts.

The RCW allows, but does require, utilities to use the forecasts generated by the Department of Transportation's mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. The District is not currently utilizing the tool.

Load forecast scenarios and use cases related to electric vehicle growth and natural gas to electric conversions were analyzed in the 2022 Load Forecast⁹ and remain representative for consideration by this Resource Plan. The 2022 analysis included low/high growth scenarios for both electric vehicles and natural gas to electric conversions. The resulting cumulative load addition by calendar year 2036 is summarized below in **Table 3-1**.

⁵ https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Demand_Response

⁶ [2026-2029 CEIP](#) – Resolution No. 2710, 10/28/2025 (PDF Page 7, Demand Response)

⁷ [2022 Commission Strategic Session](#) - Demand Response Presentation, 10/11/2022

⁸ <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/rate-and-tariff-proceedings/public-rate-design-methodology-2029>

⁹ [2022 Load Forecast](#) - Resolution No. 2600, 4/26/2022

Table 3-1 – 2022 Load Forecast electrification scenarios

Load Growth Type	Added by Calendar Year 2036	
	Lower Scenario	Higher Scenario
Benton County electric vehicle count	6,866	22,031
Electric vehicle load (aMW)	2.4	8.1
Natural gas to electric load (aMW)	5.6	9.9
Total (aMW)	8.0	18.0

The 2026 Load Forecast considered the District’s adopted Electrification of Transportation Plan.¹⁰ The adopted plan allows the District to offer incentives/rebates, advertise, and promote the adoption of electric vehicles. After adoption, the District began offering a \$250 rebate to customers who purchase or lease a new electric vehicle. Since adoption, the District has provided a total of 102 rebates through 2025.

This Resource Plan accounts for electrification by acknowledging that under all load growth scenarios, the District’s resource strategy remains the same—to serve the incremental load growth using BPA’s load following contract combined with BPA’s long-term Tier 2 power, as described in **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

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¹⁰ Electrification of Transportation Plan – Resolution No. 2521, 11/12/2019 (pdf pages 165-184)

4. Existing Resources

Non-BPA Resources

The District has long term power contracts with three non-BPA generating resources as listed below in **Table 4-1**. Effective October 1, 2023, only Packwood is dedicated to serving load and the wind power is being re-sold, however, the wind Renewable Energy Credits are being retained by the District to meet its Washington renewable target.

Table 4-1 – Existing non-BPA Resource Contracts

Resource	Contract #	Capacity (MW)	Annual Energy (aMW)	Contract End Date
Packwood Hydroelectric	11-51-14	3.7	0.919 ¹¹	Ongoing
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase I	01-51-13	3	1	7/1/2030
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase III	01-51-13	6	2	7/1/2030
White Creek Wind - LL&P	07-45-04	3	1	1/1/2028
White Creek Wind - WCWI	08-51-19	6	2	11/21/2027

BPA Power Sales Agreement

Most of the District’s power supply continues to be supplied through a long-term Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreement with BPA (Contract #11-51-01). Effective October 1, 2023, with BPA’s consent, the District switched its block/slice agreement to a load following product for the remainder of its contract term (through September 30, 2028). Additional details regarding the switch to load following are discussed below in the **Resource Adequacy** subsection of **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

Under all BPA contract types, the amount of power that BPA’s preference customers may purchase under BPA’s lowest cost rate is limited to an amount equal to the generating output of the current Federal System, with some limited amounts of augmentation (“Tier 1” power). Any incremental purchases by preference customers from BPA above this base amount of power are sold at a higher rate reflecting the incremental cost to BPA of obtaining additional power (“Tier 2” power). BPA has established for each preference customer a contractually defined level of access to power available at BPA’s lowest cost preference rate (“Tier 1” rates). BPA refers to a customer’s Tier 1 amount as their Contract High-Water Mark (CHWM) or Rate Period High-Water Mark (RHWM). This Tier 1 amount is based on the customer’s net requirement load for the 12-month period ending September 30, 2010, with adjustments possible each rate period, typically due to Federal System changes or from utility annexation (e.g. City of Richland annexation of District load).

Beginning October 1, 2023, the District has elected to serve its net requirement above its Tier 1 allocation (a.k.a. Above-CHWM load) with Tier 2 through the remainder of the contract. The District’s Tier 1 RHWM is currently set at 202.081 aMW for fiscal years 2026-2028.

¹¹ Packwood is 0.919 aMW under critical water (per Exhibit A of BPA contract). Assume 1.26 aMW under median water.

BPA Transmission

BPA requires that transmission services be purchased separately. BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) delineates the terms and conditions of providing and taking transmission service. The District has executed BPA's Network Integration Transmission Service (NITS) Agreement (Contract #22-51-02) for long-term firm transmission service from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2031. The District previously had a Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Agreement that began in May 1997, but it was converted to NITS service effective October 1, 2023, in conjunction with the switch to load following.¹²

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¹² The District retains a 1 MW PTP contract (#02-51-22) for transmission service that was not eligible for conversion to NT.

5. Resource Strategy

Resource Adequacy

Resource adequacy is the term used to describe an electricity system’s ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year. The District remains concerned about deteriorating regional resource adequacy, resulting in part from Washington and other western state energy policies. This concern was well described in **Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523, “In Support of Actions to Ensure Electric Sector Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest”**, passed in November 2019. Similar concerns were emphasized in the District’s November 2021 letter to BPA, **Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter**, requesting the option to convert from slice/block to load following. As the District considers its future resource choices, resource adequacy will continue to be a key driver of the District’s strategy.

The District’s October 1, 2023, conversion from slice/block to load following has been successful at cost-effectively ensuring the District has access to dispatchable energy and capacity to responsibly cover its seasonal energy and capacity deficits. Under the load following contract, BPA is obligated to meet the District’s net requirement load. The change has eliminated the District’s direct participation in power markets as a buyer and seller and is expected to reduce power supply price risk and the risk of not having adequate physical generation to meet demand.

The conversion to load following has mitigated the District’s near-term resource adequacy risk, however, it has also transferred additional risk to BPA, which means the District must remain committed to tracking BPA’s resource adequacy and regional issues that may impact BPA. The District’s resource adequacy monitoring includes, but is not limited to, tracking the studies listed below in **Table 5-1**.

Table 5-1 – Regional resource adequacy studies

#	Entity	Study Name / Website Link	Frequency	Study Vintage
1	Bonneville Power Administration	Resource Program	Every 2 years	Feb. 2025
2	Northwest electric utilities	Integrated Resource Plans	Every 2 years	Varies
3	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy	Annual	Jan. 2026
4	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Pacific Northwest Power Supply Adequacy Assessment	Annual	Aug. 2024
5	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Northwest Power Plan	Every 5 Years	Mar. 2022 (2021 Plan)
6	Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee	Northwest Regional Forecast	Annual	Apr. 2026
7	Energy + Environmental Economics	Resource Adequacy and the Energy Transition in the Pacific Northwest	Adhoc	Apr. 2026

The District’s current assessment of these studies is that there continues to be concern about regional resource adequacy. Being a load following customer of BPA, the District is fortunate to have its resource adequacy needs met entirely by BPA, however, the District is closely following how BPA may rely on market purchases until procuring additional resources, if needed, to meet its long-term obligations under the Provider of Choice contracts.

Traditionally, BPA completes the Resource Program on a two-year cycle. BPA published the 2024 Resource Program in February 2025. BPA has extended the timeline for the next Resource Program, with delivery expected in December 2027. That timeline ensures the Resource Program’s needs assessment reflects forecasted firm load obligations by sequencing it after customers’ Provider of Choice contract long-term above-CHWM service elections, which are expected to be finalized this summer. BPA’s final needs assessment will not be available until February 2027, however, as of April 2026, BPA is indicating it will prepare a preliminary needs assessment following the customer above-CHWM elections and may consider commercial acquisition shortly thereafter, if triggered by a demonstrated need.¹⁴

The District is also monitoring the emergence of regional resource adequacy programs and power markets:

- On December 16, 2022, BPA issued its final decision letter to continue participation in the Western Power Pool’s Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and electing Winter 2027-2028 as its first binding season.¹⁵ As a participant in the WRAP, BPA would take on the role of Load Responsible Entity for all load following customers and would be contractually bound to meet its firm power contractual obligations regardless of any obligations under WRAP. WRAP would provide BPA with a last backstop for the capacity to serve its firm power contractual obligations if BPA were to be deficit and could find no other bilateral counterparties. Additional information about WRAP is available on the Western Power Pool’s website¹⁶, including an Energy GPS, LLC *Special Report: Western Resource Adequacy Program Primer*.¹⁷
- On May 9, 2025, BPA issued its Day-Ahead Market Policy, which established BPA's intent to pursue participation in Southwest Power Pool’s Markets+ day-ahead market. On March 12, 2026, BPA announced it was moving forward with implementation and proposing joining Markets+ in October 2028.¹⁸

¹⁴ [BPA Provider of Choice Presentation - 4/20/2026](#)

¹⁵ <https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/western-resource-adequacy-program>

¹⁶ <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/about/programs/western-resource-adequacy-program>

¹⁷ <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/news/energy-gps-issues-special-report-on-wrap>

¹⁸ <https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/day-ahead-market>

Resource Plan

This Resource Plan is consistent with the following strategic goal in the District’s published Strategic Plan¹⁹:

- **ENSURE A RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE & LEAST-COST POWER SUPPLY**
Balance environmental and economic tradeoffs and risks to achieve a power supply portfolio which helps ensure the health, safety and well-being of our customers.

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1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
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4. For October 1, 2028, through 2036—including the first 8 years of BPA’s 16-year Provider of Choice contract—the District’s strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA’s load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA’s long-term Tier 2 power. Additional details about BPA Provider of Choice contract assumptions are provided in the next section.



Figure 5-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Rate Case and Fiscal Year

¹⁹ <https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/strategic-planning>

BPA Provider of Choice Contract

BPA's Provider of Choice process refers to the development of BPA's Post-2028 contracts, committing to 16-years of service from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2044. On October 14, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2709, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Provider of Choice, Load Following Power Sales Agreement (Contract #25-51-02) with BPA.²⁰ Furthermore, Resolution No. 2709 authorized the General Manager and/or his designees to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the Agreement.

This Resource Plan makes certain assumptions—enumerated below—about the District's Post-2028 contract, however, these assumptions are subject to change. The District will continue evaluating its Post-2028 contract options as additional contract and rate information becomes available.

1. This Resource Plan reflects the District's choice of the load following product.
 - a. The District will have a one-time product switch option during the contract. A minimum of three years notice would apply, with the product switch being effective at the start of the next rate period.
2. This Resource Plan uses a CHWM of 213.007 aMW.
 - a. BPA published the final Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) model on May 28, 2026.
 - b. The District's CHWM increased from its Regional Dialogue contract because the model includes a positive proportional share adjustment due to BPA's system size increasing to a fixed amount of 7,250 aMW and positive adjustments for customer load growth and conservation achievements through 2023, both of which are favorable for the District.
 - c. The District's CHWM amount will be fixed for the contract life, unlike the current contract where the amount is subject to change every rate period.
3. This Resource Plan assumes election of the long-term Tier 2 path to serve above CHWM load.
 - a. Within 60 days of the final CHWMs being published—by July 27, 2026—customers must elect an option for serving their above CHWM load.
 - b. The above CHWM load service options are either electing, 1) BPA's long-term Tier 2 path, 2) the "flexible" above CHWM path, or 3) a combination of the two paths. The "flexible path" is where the customer is responsible for serving their above CHWM load with a combination of the customer's non-federal resources, BPA's short-term Tier 2, or BPA's Tier 2 Vintage rate.
 - c. For customers that initially elect any amount of BPA long-term Tier 2, BPA is proposing a one-time option to change (cap, or reduce) their long-term Tier 2 election amount, subject to a change fee and change charge. A minimum of three years notice would apply with the change to be effective at the start of the next rate period.
 - d. On March 24, 2026, Staff presented to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and recommended electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.^{21,22}

²⁰ [Resolution No. 2709](#), 10/14/2025 Commission Packet (pdf pages 94-229)

²¹ [Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election](#), 3/24/2026 Commission Packet (pdf pages 120-128)

²² [Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election](#), 3/24/2026 Commission Presentation

6. Energy Independence Act

Energy Conservation

Washington’s Energy Independence Act (EIA or I-937), RCW 19.285, requires the District to pursue all cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation resources and to meet conservation targets set using a utility-specific conservation potential assessment methodology. The District’s most recent CPA²³ was an input to the 2026 Load Forecast.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

The District is required to comply with EIA’s 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement.²⁴ Historically, the District has annually retired Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with its long-term power supply contracts for the White Creek and Nine Canyon wind projects, BPA wind and incremental hydro allocations, other qualifying REC contracts, and additional quantities from REC market purchases when needed. The District plans to continue using REC purchases to meet its 15% RPS requirement. The District’s existing REC contracts and their forecasted REC amounts are shown below in **Table 6-1**.

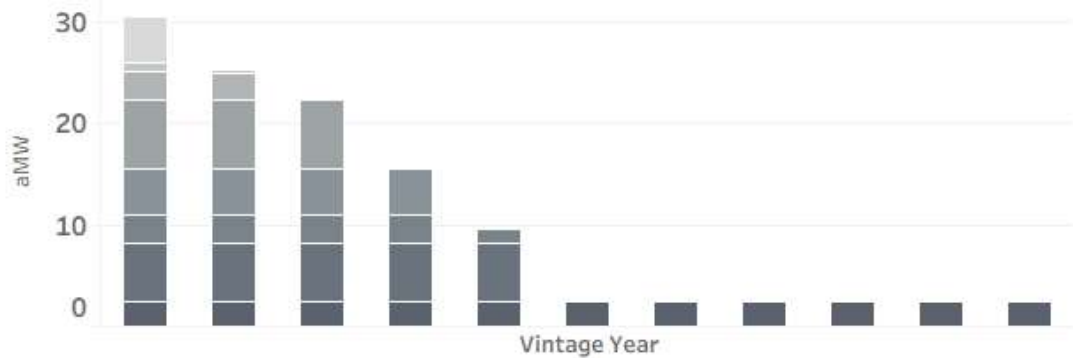


Figure 6-1 – Existing REC Contracts by Vintage Year

While the table above shows the REC contracts and the total amount of RECs forecasted by their vintage year, it does not represent the actual number of RECs that are available for retirement in any given compliance year. This is because EIA allows RECs that are retired for a given compliance year to originate from vintage years that are the same year as the compliance year, or the previous year, or the next year.

The District’s plan for acquiring and retiring, across multiple years, the unbundled RECs necessary to meet its 15% RPS requirement is further complicated—for the better—by the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which will result

²³ [2025 Conservation Potential Assessment](#) – Resolution No. 2700, 8/12/2025

²⁴ 15% of the average of the previous two years annual retail load.

in a step-change reduction in the District’s RPS target (from 15% to about 5%), starting January 1, 2030, whereas the District is able to satisfy its EIA RPS requirement by complying with the CETA GHG neutral standard, as further described below in **Section 7 - Clean Energy Transformation Act**.

Figure 6-1 below represents the District’s REC target, REC contract amounts, and the REC net position by compliance year—after factoring in the REC vintage year retirement options and the CETA changes. The graph highlights the District’s need to acquire additional RECs starting in compliance year 2030. The actual REC procurement strategy (number of contracts, contract amount, contract length, etc.) is outside the scope of this resource plan. Preliminarily, the District should consider a new REC contract for about 75,000 RECs starting in 2030. These recommendations are subject to change after further analysis.

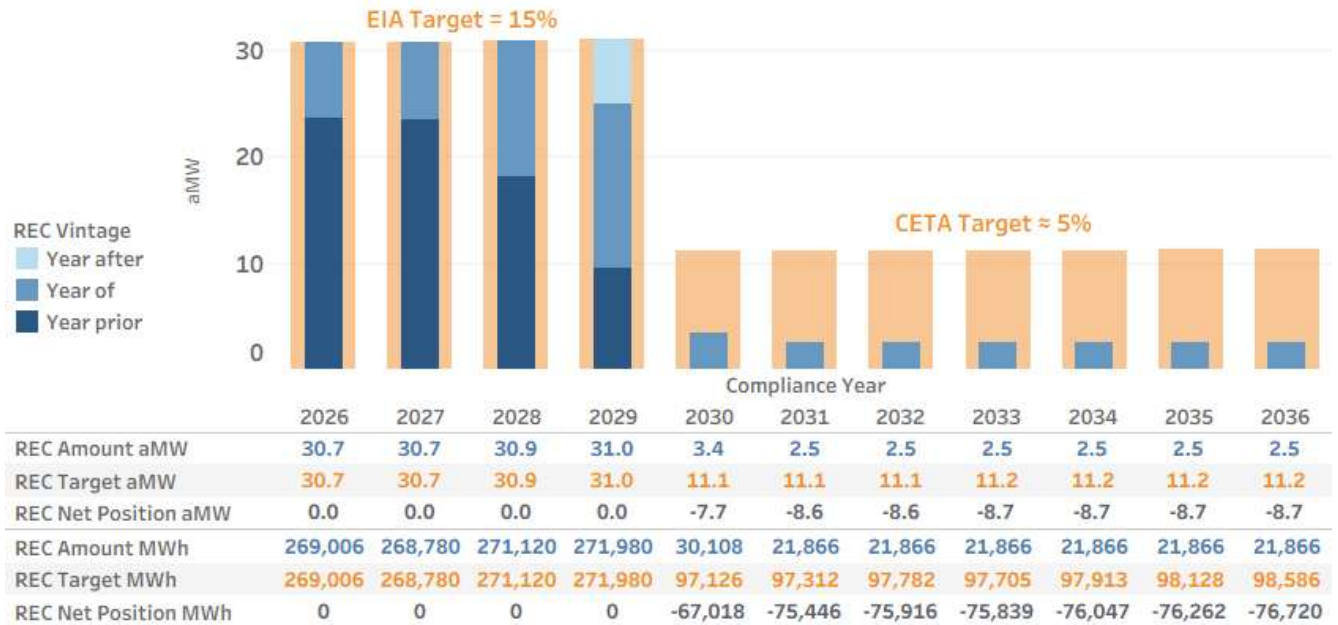


Figure 6-1 – REC Net Position by Compliance Year and Vintage

7. Clean Energy Transformation Act

Washington’s resource planning RCW 19.280.030(5)(d) requires the District to identify *“how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050”*. The District’s implementation plan for these two CETA requirements are described below:

GHG Neutral Standard

The GHG neutral standard (RCW 19.405.040) says, *“(1) It is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030...”*.

1. The District’s existing and proposed resource strategy of conservation, Packwood hydroelectric and BPA’s load following contract results in the District’s power supply already being about 95% clean.
 - a. Given nearly all the District’s power supply is from BPA, the District’s percentage of clean resources is about the same as BPA’s, which has historically been about 95% clean (85% hydro, 11% nuclear, 4% non-clean), based on the median BPA’s fuel mix data for 2016-2023.²⁵
 - b. The District assumes BPA’s clean energy mix will remain near 95% through the 10-year period of this plan (through 2036), including through the remainder its existing BPA contract and into BPA’s Post-2028 contract that begins October 1, 2028.
2. For the remaining 5% of non-clean energy, the District plans to procure unbundled RECs, which is an allowable alternative compliance option (up to a maximum of 20%) to meet the GHG neutral standard.
 - a. From present through 2029, the District expects to easily exceed the GHG neutral standard given the District’s 15% EIA RPS target versus a need of only 5% for the GHG neutral standard.
 - b. Beginning January 1, 2030, and for each multiyear compliance period thereafter, through December 31, 2044, the District intends to continue using unbundled renewable energy credits to meet its approximately 5% non-clean energy need, thereby meeting both the compliance obligations of the GHG neutral standard and the EIA RPS.
3. See **Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast** for the supporting data of the GHG neutral standard REC target.

100% Clean Standard

The 100% clean standard (RCW 19.405.050) says, *“(1) It is the policy of the state that nonemitting electric generation and electricity from renewable resources supply one hundred percent of all sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers by January 1, 2045...”*.

Currently the 100% clean standard, beginning in 2045, is 19 years into the future and is 9-years beyond the time horizon of this 10-year resource plan, ending in 2036. The District is well positioned currently; however, it is also recognized that the upper limit of the District’s percentage clean energy is limited to BPA’s progress at improving its fuel mix—absent replacing BPA with other resources. The District will be monitoring the changes in BPA’s fuel mix over the next several years, including how their mix changes because of participation in emerging western markets.

²⁵ <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/power/hydropower-impact>

The District will continue to advocate for the benefits of non-emitting nuclear energy and the need for BPA and other utilities to consider nuclear in their resource planning for its long-term benefits for emissions reduction, energy security, transmission availability, reliability, and economic development.

Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Washington Administrative Code 194-40-050 says the following about developing a Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), “Each utility must submit by January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, a CEIP for resources to be acquired and other actions to be undertaken during the next interim performance period or GHG neutral compliance period to comply with the **GHG neutral standard** and the **100% electricity clean standard**...”.

CETA requires the District to prepare a 4-year CEIP that is consistent with its Resource Plan. The 2024 Resource Plan was referenced by the District’s most recent CEIP, approved in October 2025, for the period 2026-2029.²⁶

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²⁶ [2026-2029 CEIP](#) — Resolution No. 2710, October 28, 2025

Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements

Requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5)	District Comments:
<i>(5) All other utilities may elect to develop a full integrated resource plan as set forth in subsection (1) of this section or, at a minimum, shall develop a resource plan that:</i>	The District shall develop a Resource Plan that meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5), as described below:
<i>(a) Estimates loads for the next five and 10 years;</i>	See Section 3 – Load .
<i>(b) Enumerates the resources that will be maintained and/or acquired to serve those loads;</i>	See Section 4 – Existing Resources , and Section 5 - Resource Strategy .
<i>(c) Explains why the resources in (b) of this subsection were chosen and, if the resources chosen are not: (i) Renewable resources; (ii) methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including addressing any overgeneration event; or (iii) conservation and efficiency resources, why such a decision was made;</i>	
<i>(d) By December 31, 2020, and in every resource plan thereafter, identifies how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050; and</i>	See Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act .
<i>(e) Accounts for:</i> <i>(i) Modeled load forecast scenarios that consider the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a utility's service area, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;</i>	See the Electrification subsection of Section 3 – Load .
<i>(ii) Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions, and any other relevant information found in the electrification of transportation plans submitted under RCW 35.92.450, 54.16.430, and 80.28.365; and</i>	
<i>(iii) Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts. Electric utilities may, but are not required to, use the forecasts generated by the mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. This subsection (5)(e)(iii) applies only to plans due to be filed after September 1, 2023.</i>	
Requirements of RCW 19.280.050(1)	District Comments:
<i>The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports after it has provided public notice and hearing.</i>	The District held three public hearings and also accepted public input via its Resource Plan development webpage. ²⁷ See Appendix C – Public Comment Log for a list of comments received.

²⁷ Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>

Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet

Utility Information

Report Year	2026
Utility	Benton County PUD No. 1
Prepared by	Blake Scherer
Email	schererb@bentonpud.org
Date of Board/Commission Approval	DRAFT
Notes: Explain resource choices other than conservation/use of renewable energy credits	Refer to Cover Sheet Notes and Benton PUD's 2026 Resource Plan, Resolution No. ####, July ##, 2026.

Washington State Utility Resource Plan Year 2026				
	Estimate Interval	Base Year	5-year Forecast	10-year Forecast
	Estimate Period	2025	2030	2035
	Season	Annual	Annual	Annual
	Units	aMW	aMW	aMW
Loads		212.907	217.271	224.900
Exports				
Resources:				
Energy Conservation Measures			3.426	9.626
BTM Solar				
Demand Response				
BPA Tier 1 or Base		202.081	213.007	213.007
BPA Tier 2		11.464	-0.081	1.348
Cogeneration				
Hydro		1.147	0.919	0.919
Wind				
Utility-scale Solar				
FTM Distributed Solar				
Biomass				
Biogas				
Landfill Gas				
Geothermal				
Nuclear				
Other Distributed Renewables				
Thermal Natural Gas				
Thermal Coal				
Market Purchases				
Other				
Imports				
Undecided				
Total Resources		214.69	217.27	224.90
Load Resource Balance		1.78	0.00	0.00

Benton PUD Cover Sheet Notes:
 Line 15 "Estimate Period" - Periods are BPA Fiscal Years (FY), from Oct-Sep;
 Line 18 "Loads" - Base Year load is FY2025 actual, not weather normalized;
 Line 21 "Energy Conservation Measures" - Increased by 3.04% to include system losses;
 Line 27 "Hydro" - Packwood hydro is dedicated resource in Exhibit A of BPA contract;

Appendix C – Public Comment Log

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public input/comment:
1	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Dennis Fife	Is there any plans to include a new nuclear plant or several SMRs?
2	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Michael Rundhaug	I DO NOT want to pay higher bills because of data centers. I didn't vote for them. I don't live in them. I don't get paid by them. Please do whatever you can to prevent this. Thank you
3	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	PT Arnold	We are currently in our 4th consecutive season of drought and fire extreme. Data centers should NOT be consideration in Benton and Franklin counties as they consume both our utilities and water resources abundantly. We can not afford to lose these and must protect our beautiful eastern Wa. No amount of money is worth the sell out of our environment that makes Tri-Cities Awesome.
4	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Jack W	I don't want to see more windmills in our area. I think we should be incentivizing personal solar installations and so we need to get plug and play solar on the books as an inexpensive option for people like other states have been doing.
5	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	JEREMY Strohmeyer	Highest priority should be maintaining electricity generation from dams. Increasing electricity demand should be met with increased nuclear power generation.
6	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Margaret Wade	Keep costs down is the most important thing for me and the people I talk with.
7	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Cate B	Discount for long time city residents and those 65 yrs. and older on fixed income.
8	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Bailey Hargroves	A sustainable renewable energy plan to keep energy cost low and the environmental impact to a minimum
9	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Robin Callow	Please provide information on how the agency intends on dealing with the data centers that are being proposed nearby and what impacts that may have on current residents.
10	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Gene Luczynski	Electric and Natural Gas need to work together as there's no way WA will be able to reach green energy goals per the WA CCA. Wind and solar cannot supply the replacement needs of NW or WA. Hydropower must remain and Small Modular Reactors (SMR's) should be a new player in future energy needs.
11	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Santiago, Alfaro	Fue excelente <i>[Was excellent]</i>
12	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Frances Leavell	Please consider working with KID to use solar panels over the canals, which would not only serve in energy production but preserve water loss

13	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Jessie Riggle	I would fight for our dams any way possible. Our dams are our most reliable and affordable source of energy. I would dismiss and not go towards and movements to increase wind energy as it is a very small factor and has huge environmental impacts with animals and also they can't be recycled. I would hope that PUD has the communities best interest at heart and will work to make power more affordable as our cost for power have already increased this year. I would also like if the PUD fought any desires to build a data center here as they also cause huge environmental issues and health issues in people and animals and use up our valuable resources.
14	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Basalat Raja	Part of the power is lost as Benton PUD transmits electricity to get the homes. Solar panels are cheaper than ever and windmill improvement research and improvement is continually on-going. PUD should consider the possibility of reverse-bids - in our area, homeowners own massive, unused land. Let them offer to rent this land for PUD to put panels on it to power their and their neighbors' homes. The installations should be fully owned by PUD, just placed on rented land that is selected on the basis of lowest rent and most efficient placement. PUD will save a lot of money by reducing wasted transmission.
15	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Linda Parish	Please focus on clean, renewable energy sources; i.e. hydro and nuclear. I'm not a fan of wind turbines (bird killers and eye pollution) and profit only the landowner where the turbine is sited. Thank you.
16	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Deanna Richardson	I want more projects leaning towards solar energy. Many people can't get solar do to cost as well as living in apartments, what is PUD doing to encourage and help this?
17	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Sydney Schmitt	My only concern is the price doubling in the next few years with everything else going up but my main concern is if our electricity is ever supplied to a data center, please do not force the cost onto current and future residential customers. It is extremely unethical and just flat out not okay. My family has lived in Kennewick for generations and I don't want to see electricity become unaffordable. Thank you.
18	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	Leanne M Selix	Since families with children are the PUDs largest users, I believe a greater effort on educating the young on energy conservation would benefit parents and our environment !
19	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	LEONARD HARVILLE	Please consider adding SMR's (Small Modular Reactors) at the Energy Northwest sight in Richland, WA.
20	Webpage	05/16/2026	Kennewick	David Weber	Two data centers are planned to be built in Benton County and one near Walla Walla. Trammell Crow Lewis & Clark Ranch Data Center, Atlas Agro Data Center Campus, and AWS Wallula Gap Data Center Campus. I expect full, detailed reports on how each of these will use utilities, specifically the amount of gigawatts they will consume and how much will be provided by Benton Pub. Further, I expect a detailed report on whether and how the cost of developing infrastructure may be passed on to residents that use Benton Pub to keep our lights on.

21	Webpage	05/20/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	The ONE thing that will destroy this community it a data center. DO NOT E EN ALLOW one meeting with buying tech. DATA centers have proven to destroy communitues
22	Webpage	05/25/2026	Kennewick	Jon Fager	<p>I am disappointed that the public hearing meetings are at 9 a.m. when most employed people with an interest in attending need to be at work.</p> <p>I have attended the evening presentations that Benton PUD hosts annually. I appreciate the preparation and presentations. Over the past couple of years, the primary presenter has painted a very negative picture of wind and solar power.</p> <p>I would like to see Benton PUD find ways to increase its use of solar and wind power as part of a wide ranging portfolio of energy sources. I would like to see us improve our already strong commitment to clean energy by embracing these technologies rather than denigrating them.</p>
23	Webpage	5/312026	Kennewick	Lisa Peppard	I care about fiscal responsibility of the PUD, keeping costs as low as possible to the consumer; environmental stewardship and responsibility; reliability; and keeping partisan politics out of the utility district.

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Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523

RESOLUTION NO. 2523

November 12, 2019

A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO ENSURE ELECTRIC SECTOR RESOURCE ADEQUACY IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

WHEREAS, policy makers in Washington and other key western states have enacted policies or legislation to significantly reduce or remove fossil fuel generation (coal and natural gas) from the electric system in favor of incorporating a significant amount of renewable energy generation (wind and solar); AND

WHEREAS, recent legislation in the State of Washington calls for the elimination of coal by 2025 and all carbon emitting generation by 2045, including natural gas; AND

WHEREAS, while wind and solar can be substitutes for the energy that coal resources have traditionally provided, they cannot easily replace the capacity that is needed for resource adequacy due to the lack of economically viable and operationally proven long-term grid-scale energy storage and the variable nature of wind and solar "fuel" sources which are largely dependent on the weather and time of day; AND

WHEREAS, Resource Adequacy is the term most often used to describe an electricity system's ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year; AND

WHEREAS, failure to ensure Resource Adequacy may result in capacity shortages which refers to any situation in which the energy supply capability of an electric utility is not sufficient to meet its customers' energy requirements and this shortage would affect the utility's ability to adequately supply electric services to its customers; AND

WHEREAS, under the sponsorship of three investor-owned utilities and ten public utilities, Energy & Environmental Economics (E3) published an extensive study in March 2019 titled *Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest* (Resource Adequacy Study) which found that 5,000 MW of new firm capacity is needed by 2030 to maintain reliability for load growth. With planned coal retirements of 3,000 MW by 2030, 8,000 MW of new capacity would be needed. If all coal is retired in the region, then 16,000 MW of new firm capacity would be required; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study found that within the greater Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and major portions of Montana and Wyoming, coal and natural gas accounted for over 48% of the effective capacity of electric resources in 2018; AND

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WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that it would be extremely costly and impractical to replace this magnitude of firm generating capacity with solar, wind and storage due to the significant renewable overbuild and required transmission-line construction needed to maintain adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that renewables such as wind and solar generation require much greater land area to generate equivalent energy compared to generation sources such as natural gas and nuclear. Under deep decarbonization scenarios, significant land area is required for wind and solar project development. In the 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario analyzed in the Study, estimates of total land use vary from 3 million acres to 14 million acres which is equivalent to 20 to 100 times the land area of Portland and Seattle combined; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study identified a very low capacity contribution from existing wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest with Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) values of 7% and 12% based on 2018 load and resource balance. ELCC is a generation resource's firm contribution to system peak load; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the incremental capacity contribution of new wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest declines as a function of penetration. ELCC for wind and solar in 2050 under a 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario only increase to 22% and 16% respectively (assuming significant contributions from Montana and Wyoming wind projects); AND

WHEREAS, while the capacity contributions from wind and solar power are relatively small when compared to other generation resources, the land-use impacts of overbuilding wind and solar could be significantly impactful to citizens of Benton County and adjacent counties in eastern Washington; AND

WHEREAS, wind and solar power project development should be evaluated and prioritized for construction based on informed and complete evaluations of all costs and benefits, including economic, environmental, ecological and operational factors; AND

WHEREAS, electric utilities must balance environmental concerns with costs and very high customer expectations for grid reliability; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study used an Annual Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no more than 2.4 hours per year as the standard for assessing the adequacy of the greater Pacific Northwest power grid. The LOLE was derived from a 1-in-10 standard of no more than 24 hours of lost load in 10 years which is a common standard used across the electric utility industry; AND

WHEREAS, the LOLE standard does not specifically characterize the magnitude of lost load or the duration, it is a metric for determining the risk of power grid blackouts which depending on the location and weather conditions can represent a serious risk to the safety, health, and well-being of electric utility customers; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the greater Pacific Northwest power grid based on 2018 data does not currently meet an LOLE standard of 2.4 hours per year and will not meet this standard through 2030 under assumed load growth and planned coal-fired power plant retirements; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study also identified the lack of a mandatory or voluntary national standard for Resource Adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the real-time balancing of demand and supply in the Western Interconnection of the United States and Canadian power grids is accomplished by thirty-eight Balancing Authorities, thirteen of which operate in the greater Pacific Northwest; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authorities typically have specific generation plants and loads assigned to them that together with interconnections to other Balancing Authorities allows for regional interchange of electricity as a means of maintaining precise balance of demand and supply across large geographical areas; AND

WHEREAS, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) publish information about Resource Adequacy but have no formal governing role; AND

WHEREAS, each Balancing Authority establishes its own Resource Adequacy standard subject to oversight by state commissions or locally-elected boards; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authority utilities and many other utilities, including Benton PUD, have historically relied on market purchases of unspecified generation resources contracted on a day-ahead and real-time basis to ensure demand and supply are balanced; AND

WHEREAS, the announced retirements of dependable and dispatchable coal-fired power plants in the greater Pacific Northwest coupled with various state policies is anticipated to significantly diminish the pool of available market resources that are critical to meeting electricity demand on the hottest and coldest days of the year; AND

WHEREAS, utilities in the greater Pacific Northwest are concerned that preferences for wind and solar power, coupled with battery storage technology which today is uneconomic and operationally unproven for durations required for Northwest weather events, may risk underinvestment in dependable capacity that is needed during low hydro generation periods

and prolonged periods of low wind and solar generation that often occur during extreme weather and temperature events; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool, an organization comprised of major generating utilities serving the greater Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta, issued a summary paper highlighting major studies and reports issued by leading utility industry groups that the Northwest's transition away from coal and towards cleaner generating resources is leading to an urgent and immediate challenge to the ability of the Northwest's electric system to provide reliable electric service; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool's white paper noted two conclusions of particular concern: 1) the region may begin to experience capacity shortages as soon as next year; and 2) by the mid-2020s, the region may face a capacity deficit of thousands of megawatts; AND

WHEREAS, acting through the Northwest Power Pool, a broad coalition of electric utilities across the Pacific Northwest agreed that a voluntary Resource Adequacy program be designed in 2020 and implemented as soon as 2021; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 electricity resource mix was approximately 95% carbon-free, primarily attributed to hydro and nuclear power which provide reliable baseload generation obtained via contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's peak loads are in excess of its allocation of hydro, nuclear and wind power resources; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's approach to managing capacity deficits experienced during peak summer and winter loading periods has been primarily to use financial instruments to hedge its position and to make unspecified market purchases for energy and capacity deficits in day-ahead and real-time markets; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 Integrated Resource Plan recommended considering longer term physical capacity purchases in periods when the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) is projecting a Loss of Load probability (LOLP) greater than 5%; AND

WHEREAS, the Council has established the loss-of load probability (LOLP) metric to assess the adequacy of the Northwest's power supply. The power supply is deemed adequate if its LOLP, five years into the future, is 5 percent or less for each of the years being evaluated. This means that the likelihood of at least one shortfall in generation resources during any of the years in the five-year study must be 5 percent or less; AND

WHEREAS, the Council's 2024 Resource Adequacy Assessment indicates an LOLP of 7.5% in 2021, increasing to 8.2% or possibly 12.8% in 2024 given the October 2019 announcement by PacifiCorp of a possible early retirement of their 530-megawatt Jim Bridger 1 coal-fired power plant; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's recently completed capacity analysis identified average projected heavy load hour (HLH) capacity deficits beginning after the expiration of the Frederickson power purchase agreement in September 2022 of approximately 100 megawatts in summer months (July and August) and 45 megawatts in winter months (December, January and February); AND

WHEREAS, the rapid elimination of the electric capacity provided by coal as well as the anticipated reduction of available natural-gas capacity expected to occur if new plants are not constructed may lead to capacity shortages during peak winter and summer demand periods directly impacting Benton PUD along with utility customers throughout the region; AND

WHEREAS, the creation of a greater Pacific Northwest, voluntary but enforceable Resource Adequacy standard has the potential to provide a common and consistent measure by which regulating bodies can objectively evaluate utility recommendations to acquire or construct new generation capacity for their individual and/or collective benefit.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby declares its support to the Northwest Power Pool's efforts to develop a voluntary Resource Adequacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission and Staff will undertake an effort to heighten the awareness of customers and policy makers as to Resource Adequacy concerns, environmental and land use impacts associated with high wind and solar project development scenarios, as well as decisions that may significantly harm electric system Resource Adequacy, such as the breaching or removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams as outlined in Resolution No. 2505.

ADOPTED at an open meeting as required by law this 12th day of November 2019.


Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Barry A. Bush, Secretary

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Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter



November 12, 2021

William Rimmer
Account Executive, Eastern Power Services
Bonneville Power Administration

Re: Request for Option to Change Purchase Obligation - Contract No. 09PB-13005

Dear William:

We are requesting BPA consider providing Benton PUD with the option to exercise our one-time right to change purchase obligation as referenced in Section 11 of Contract No. 09PB-13005 (Contract) and that under our selection of this option our BPA product would be converted from Slice to Load Following effective as early as October 1, 2023.

While acknowledging Section 11.1.1 of the Contract identifies a deadline of May 31, 2016 for written notice to BPA of a requested change in purchase obligation, we believe BPA's past practice and stated policy position included in the October 31, 2008 Long-Term Regional Dialogue Contract Policy Record of Decision (ROD) provide an opportunity for our request to be evaluated and approved.

As we deliberated on making the subject request, it was encouraging to read Section 2.2.3 of the ROD which states: "BPA will remain open to additional product switching on a case-by-case basis as long as it does not shift costs or risks to BPA and its other customers." We found additional encouragement in reading BPA's August 22, 2013 decision to approve an early change in purchase obligation for Pend Oreille PUD and August 25, 2016 decision to do the same for Seattle City Light and Klickitat PUD.

Background

Benton PUD's decision not to exercise our one-time right to change our purchase obligation prior to the May 31, 2016 deadline was fundamentally based on our desire to retain the flexibility and self-determination afforded by the Slice contract together with our demonstrated success in managing power supply costs through well-established policies and procedures; including sound risk management principles and established utility practices whereby physical and financial products are used to mitigate cost and supply risks associated with energy surpluses and deficits inherent in the Slice product.

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Prior to May 31, 2016 Benton PUD's power supply management strategy was working well as we and many other utilities covered forecasted capacity and energy deficits through unspecified market purchases hedged by financial products strategically purchased to gain price certainty. While price risk was historically our biggest concern, we have always been mindful of our obligation to ensure load and resource balance and the risk of physical electricity shortfalls. So, even though in 2016 we were aware of planned northwest coal-fired power plant retirements and believed additional retirements were imminent, we also believed existing hydro and natural gas generation resources together with development of new gas plants would provide adequate market depth to allow us to continue implementing our proven strategy. To support this belief, Benton PUD closely monitored the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's loss-of-load-probability (LOLP) analysis, PNUCC's Northwest Regional Forecast and power market price volatility as primary indicators of the risk of physical shortfalls.

Fast forward to the passage of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019. While CETA does not outright prohibit the development of new natural gas plants, it has effectively eliminated planned investments through social-cost-of-carbon planning penalties along with punitive administrative penalties for using carbon emitting resources beginning in 2030. When you consider CETA along with Oregon's recent passage of clean energy legislation prohibiting the siting of new natural gas plants within state borders, it is easy to understand why most utilities do not believe significant new natural gas plant capacity will be built any time soon. This situation has been and continues to be very concerning to Benton PUD which is why we issued two requests for proposals (one in October 2019 and another in September 2020) to see if we could secure physical generation and begin to close a portion of the gap in our expected future capacity deficits. While we made some headway by signing one contract, we only received a total of four responses to our two RFPs and the term of the contract we did sign is only for three years beginning in late 2022 and ending in 2025.

As you know, Benton PUD is a uniquely summer peaking utility with heavy air conditioning load combining with large, irrigated agriculture pumping operations to drive our maximum customer demand. During the recent heat dome event in June of this year, irrigated agriculture represented 35% of our new maximum hourly demand of 490 megawatts. As a point of reference, Benton PUD's annual average total power supply requirements is about 210 average megawatts. And while our Slice and Block allocations provided under our existing Contract often result in a surplus annual energy position and are shaped based on a summer peaking load profile, the timing and magnitude of our allocation of BPA supply often results in significant summer season energy deficits; sometimes requiring daily market purchases like we experienced this past July. Adding to the challenge of significant and persistent summer deficits is hydro variability compounded by the uncertainty of northwest grid regional resource adequacy.

Clearly, what Benton PUD has counted on for many years and what we need going forward is access to dispatchable capacity and energy. And while Washington and Oregon clean energy policies promote

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overbuilding of wind and solar power inside and outside the northwest to replace fossil-fueled resources, these low-capacity and weather dependent technologies are not feasible or cost-effective solutions to our power supply challenges. Only hydro and natural gas can provide the dispatchability and necessary load following capabilities to responsibly cover our seasonal energy and capacity deficits.

As part of our power supply planning due diligence and desire to constructively contribute to a critically important regional effort, Benton PUD has joined the non-binding phase of the Northwest Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) with The Energy Authority (TEA) representing our and six other utilities' interests. We are committed to doing our part to help ensure adequate physical generating resources are available and that we are not contributing to future grid emergencies and unacceptable increases in the risk of blackouts. With that said, our options are limited, and we feel compelled to reach out to BPA prior to making another attempt to secure additional capacity through competitive solicitations informed by results from WRAP analysis and program requirements.

While we are proud to be a part of the WRAP efforts and have great confidence in the design and implementation teams, we are concerned the summer season forward showing requirements could result in disproportionately high costs to Benton PUD given the large difference between our irrigation driven summer peak demand and our actual loads that begin to fall off rapidly in the period between mid-August and the end of September (corresponding to a shift from maximum water pumping to harvesting of crops).

Benton PUD plans to issue a progress report to our 2020 Integrated Resource Plan in September of 2022 and will be working with the WRAP team on participant data submittals for their first summer showing (June thru September 2023) with a deadline of October 31, 2022. With these dates in mind, it would be helpful if BPA could complete the analysis and required public processes necessary to respond to the subject request by June 30, 2022 if possible. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to future discussions and to working with BPA on possible next steps.

Sincerely,



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Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast

	Calendar Year										
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
BPUD Retail MWh	1,805,809	1,809,127	1,817,278	1,815,392	1,818,732	1,822,186	1,830,945	1,829,512	1,833,390	1,837,390	1,845,909
BPUD Retail Prior 2-Year Avg. MWh	1,793,372	1,791,866	1,807,468	1,813,203	1,816,335	1,817,062	1,820,459	1,826,566	1,830,229	1,831,451	1,835,390
REC Target MWh	269,006	268,780	271,120	271,980	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
REC Target EIA %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%							
REC Target CETA %					5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean %	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%
BPUD Retail Clean %	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%
BPUD Retail Renewable %	83.976%	83.976%	83.975%	83.976%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.974%	83.974%
BPUD Retail Non-emitting %	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
BPUD Retail Clean MWh	1,709,377	1,712,517	1,720,230	1,718,445	1,721,606	1,724,874	1,733,163	1,731,807	1,735,477	1,739,262	1,747,323
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,516,447	1,519,230	1,526,067	1,524,485	1,527,287	1,530,184	1,537,531	1,536,329	1,539,582	1,542,937	1,550,083
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240
BPUD Retail Unspecified MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586
BPUD Retail Hydro MWh	1,505,221	1,507,984	1,514,770	1,513,200	1,515,980	1,518,856	1,526,148	1,524,955	1,528,184	1,531,514	1,538,607
BPUD Retail Wind MWh	11,226	11,246	11,297	11,286	11,306	11,328	11,383	11,374	11,398	11,423	11,476
BPUD Retail Nuclear MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240
BPUD Wholesale Total MWh	1,862,331	1,865,752	1,874,158	1,872,214	1,875,658	1,879,220	1,888,253	1,886,775	1,890,776	1,894,901	1,903,686
BPUD Wholesale BPA MWh	1,851,266	1,854,687	1,863,093	1,861,149	1,864,593	1,868,155	1,877,188	1,875,710	1,879,711	1,883,836	1,892,621
BPUD Wholesale Packwood MWh	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065
BPUD Wholesale BPA %	99.406%	99.407%	99.410%	99.409%	99.410%	99.411%	99.414%	99.414%	99.415%	99.416%	99.419%
BPUD Wholesale Packwood %	0.594%	0.593%	0.590%	0.591%	0.590%	0.589%	0.586%	0.586%	0.585%	0.584%	0.581%
BPA Non-Clean %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%
BPA Clean %	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%
BPA Unspecified %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%
BPA Hydro %	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%
BPA Wind %	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%
BPA Nuclear %	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%

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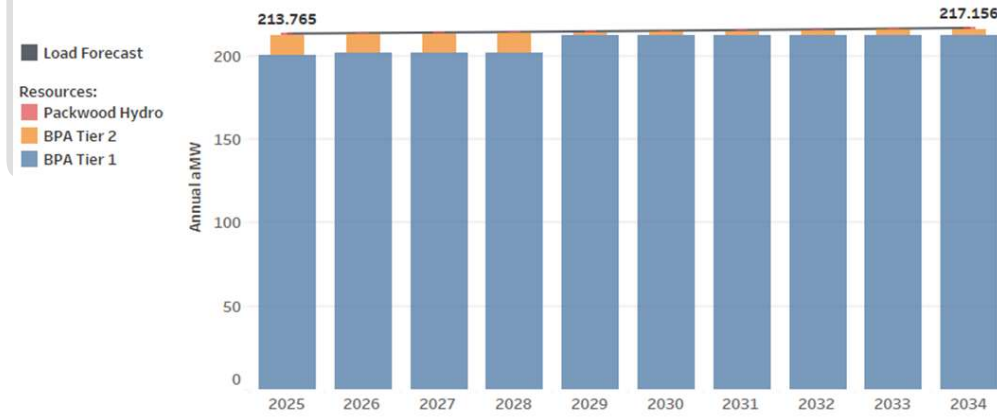
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1. Executive Summary

The District prepares a Resource Plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington 19.280, as discussed within **Section 2 – Resource Plan Overview**. This Resource Plan incorporates the District’s most recent load forecast and Conservation Potential Assessment, as discussed within **Section 3 - Load**. The Resource Plan considers the District’s existing resources, listed within **Section 4 – Existing Resources**, and then describes, within **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**, the District’s 10-year strategy for meeting its future power supply needs.

The District’s 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 1-1**.

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District’s BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA’s load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA’s Tier 2 power.
4. ~~For October 1, 2028, through 20364—including the first 68 years of BPA’s 16-year Provider of Choice Post-2028 contract—the District’s strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA’s load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA’s long-term Tier 2 power.~~



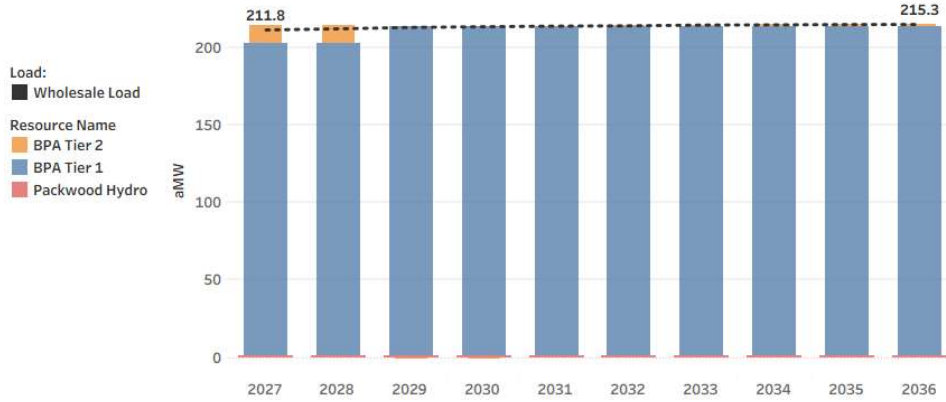


Figure 1-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan *by BPA Fiscal Year*

This Resource Plan also describes the District’s strategy for complying with Washington State energy policies, as discussed in the following sections:

- **Section 6 – Energy Independence Act** describes District’s commitment to energy conservation as a resource and the District’s strategy to purchase unbundled Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) to comply with the 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) through calendar year 2029.
- **Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act** describes the District’s current ~956% clean energy position and the plan to meet the 2030 GHG-greenhouse gas neutral standard by using unbundled RECs to cover its 54% need, while also satisfying its RPS requirement.

2. Resource Plan Overview

Washington State Law

The District prepares a resource plan every two years in accordance with Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 19.280. As described within RCW 19.280.010, *“It is the intent of the legislature to encourage the development of new safe, clean, and reliable energy resources to meet demand in Washington for affordable and reliable electricity. To achieve this end, the legislature finds it essential that electric utilities in Washington develop comprehensive resource plans that explain the mix of generation and demand-side resources they plan to use to meet their customers’ electricity needs in both the short term and the long term.”*

Resource Plan Types

There are two types of resource plans defined by RCW 19.280.020, as described below:

1. **Integrated Resource Plan** means an analysis describing the mix of generating resources, conservation, methods, technologies, and resources to integrate renewable resources and, where applicable, address overgeneration events, and efficiency resources that will meet current and projected needs at the lowest reasonable cost to the utility and its ratepayers and that complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(1).
 - Required by utilities with more than 25,000 customers that are not Full Requirements Customers.
 - An updated Integrated Resource Plan must be developed at least every four years and progress reports reflecting changing conditions and the progress of the Integrated Resource Plan must be produced, at a minimum, every two years.
2. **Resource Plan** means an assessment that estimates electricity loads and resources over a defined period of time and complies with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5).
 - Required by all other utilities, unless voluntarily electing to develop a full Integrated Resource Plan.
 - Resource Plans must be updated, at a minimum, on intervals of two years.

Effective October 1, 2023, the District became a Full Requirements Customer, as defined by RCW 19.280.020—*meaning an electric utility that relies on BPA for all power needed to supply its total load requirement other than that served by non-dispatchable generating resources totaling no more than six megawatts or renewable resources.*

As a Full Requirements Customer, the District has ~~elected to prepared a Resource Plan for 2024, rather than the Integrated Resource Plans that have been prepared in the past. The District’s previous Resource Plan was its 2022 Integrated Resource Plan Progress Report, which was a progress report on the District’s 2020 Integrated Resource Plan.~~ Copies of ~~previous recent~~ resource plans and other supporting documents are available on the District’s “Resource Planning” ~~web~~[website](#).¹

Requirements

Resource Plans must comply with the requirements specified in RCW 19.280.030(5)—per the Resource Plan definition. Refer to **Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements** for the list of applicable requirements and the

¹ <https://www.bentonpud.org/About/Planning-Performance/Resource-Planning>https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Resource_Plan

sections of this Resource Plan that address each requirement. The Department of Commerce² requires utilities to submit a common resource plan cover sheet by September 1, as attached in Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet.

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² Commerce resource plans - <https://www.commerce.wa.gov/energy-policy/electricity-policy/utility-resource-plans/>

3. Load

Load Forecast

The District’s wholesale load forecast,³ reported as annual average demand (aMW) and annual peak demand (MW), is shown below in **Figure 3-1**. The load forecast’s 10-year annual average demand growth from 2026⁴ to 2036⁴ is only 0.2146%. This is the same forecast as described by the 2026⁴ Load Forecast approved in May 2026.⁴

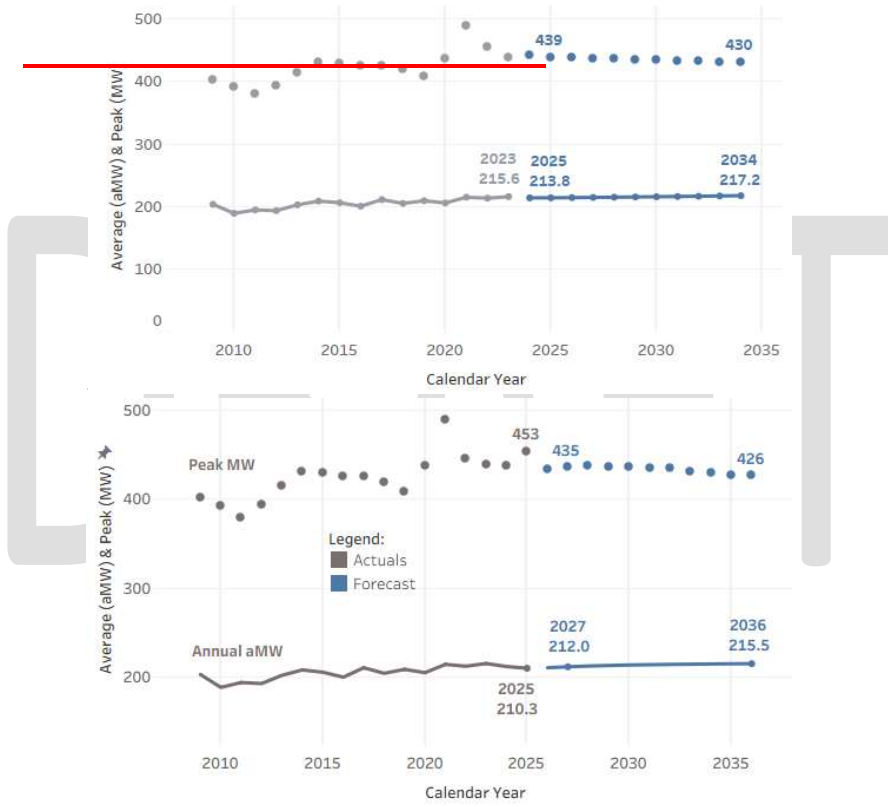


Figure 3-1 – Forecast of annual wholesale load

Conservation

The load forecast includes 11,211.0 aMW of cumulative conservation over the forecast period, as shown below in **Figure 3-2**, in context of retail load.² The conservation is comprised of 2,05.8 aMW of residential and 9,25.2 aMW of non-residential conservation, consistent with the District’s most recent Conservation Potential Assessment (CPA), as referenced within the **Energy Conservation** subsection of **Section 6 - Energy Independence Act**.

³ “Wholesale” load refers to the total power supply need, including District system losses. “Retail” load excludes losses.

⁴ [2024 Load Forecast](#) [2026 Load Forecast](#) – [Resolution No. 2726, 5/26/2026](#) [Resolution No. 2673, May 14, 2024](#)

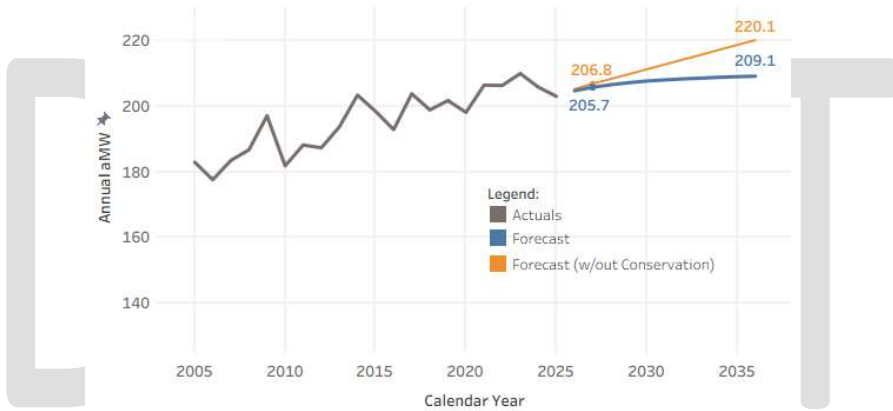
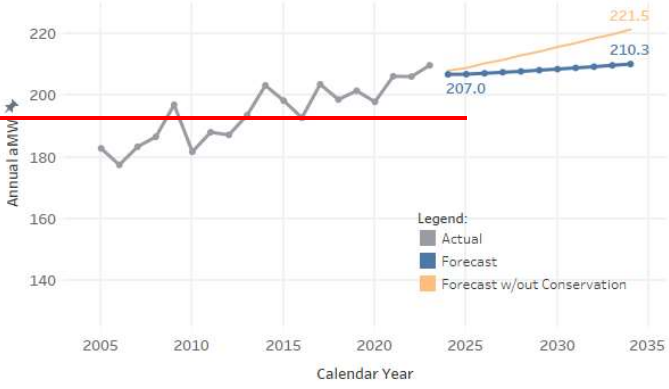


Figure 3-2 – Forecast of annual retail load

Demand Response

The District prepares a Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) every two years to support the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requirement to assess the amount of demand response resources that are cost-effective, reliable, and feasible for meeting the CETA standards. Copies of previous DRPA's and other supporting documents are available on the District's "Demand Response" webpage.⁵ Currently, Benton PUD has not found demand response to be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. The District's Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP) for 2026-2029⁶ specified a target of 0 MW, same as the 2022-2025 CEIP, which remains sufficient for the District's obligation in meeting the CETA standards.

~~In 2021 the District prepared its first ever Demand Response Potential Assessment (DRPA) and intends to prepare a DRPA every two years in conjunction with its CPA. The District completed its second DRPA on January 9, 2024. Back~~
~~On October 11, 2022, at a Commission strategic planning session, District staff presented the status of demand response program development and recommended that the District evaluate new drivers of demand response after its conversion to BPA's load following contract and to wait for BPA's Post-2028 rate design before developing its demand response strategy.⁷ As also recommended, the District has implemented rate-based demand charges, including time-of-day demand for residential customers, and voltage optimization for energy efficiency.~~

In 2026, the District added a Strategic Plan action item to develop a demand response program pilot to further explore if demand response may be cost-effective, reliable, and feasible. Developing a pilot is in response to concerns about regional resource adequacy and the increasing risk of an energy or transmission emergency as well as the expectation of increasing BPA demand and capacity charges that will go into effect on October 1, 2028, for the Provider of Choice contract, per BPA's published Public Rate Design Methodology (PRDM).⁸

Electrification

Per RCW 19.280.030(5)(e), Resource Plans need to account for:

- i) ~~_____~~ ~~ii)~~ modeled load forecast scenarios of zero emissions vehicles,
- ii) ~~_____~~ ~~iii)~~ relevant information in electrification of transportation plans, and
- iii) ~~_____~~ ~~iiii)~~ assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts.

~~Furthermore, the RCW allows, but does require, utilities to encourage using the forecasts generated by the Department of Transportation's mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. The District is not currently utilizing the tool, however, this tool is not yet available. According to the tool's project manager as of June 2024, "We are working on a prototype map application now and intend to engage with the electric utility community soon. Late October is our target for the first release and presume subsequent releases in quick fashion as needed."~~

Load forecast scenarios and use cases related to electric vehicle growth and natural gas to electric conversions were analyzed in the 2022 Load Forecast⁹ and remain representative for consideration by this Resource Plan. The 2022

⁵ https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/resource-planning?tab=Demand_Response

⁶ 2026-2029 CEIP – Resolution No. 2710, 10/28/2025 (PDF Page 7, Demand Response)

⁷ 2022 Commission Strategic Session – Demand Response Presentation, – 10/11/2022 October 11, 2022 (pdf pages 54-97)

⁸ <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/rate-and-tariff-proceedings/public-rate-design-methodology-2029>

⁹ 2022 Load Forecast - Resolution No. 2600, April 26, 2022 4/26/2022

analysis included low/high growth scenarios for both electric vehicles and natural gas to electric conversions. The resulting cumulative load addition by calendar year 2036⁴ is summarized below in Table 3-1.

Table 3-1 – 2022 Load Forecast electrification scenarios

2022 Load Forecast	Cumulative load (aMW) added/Added by Calendar Year 2036 ⁴	
	Lower Scenario	Higher Scenario
Benton County Electric vehicle counts	1,86,866	6,822,031
Electric vehicle load (aMW)	2.4	8.1
Natural gas to electric load (aMW)	4.55.6	8.09.9
Total (aMW)	6.38.0	14.818.0

The 2026⁴ Load Forecast considered the District’s adopted Electrification of Transportation Plan.¹⁰ The adopted plan allows the District to offer incentives/rebates, advertise, and promote the adoption of electric vehicles. After adoption, the District began offering a \$250 rebate to customers who purchase or lease a new electric vehicle. Since adoption, the District has provided a total of 56102 rebates through 2025 April 2024.

This Resource Plan accounts for electrification by acknowledging that under all load growth scenarios, the District’s resource strategy remains the same—to serve the incremental load growth using BPA’s load following contract combined with BPA’s long-term Tier 2 power, as described in Section 5 – Resource Strategy.

¹⁰ Electrification of Transportation Plan – Resolution No. 2521, [November 12, 2019 \(pdf pages 165-184\)](#) 11/12/2019 (pdf pages 165-184)

4. Existing Resources

Non-BPA Resources

The District has long term power contracts with three non-BPA generating resources as listed below in **Table 4-1**. Effective October 1, 2023, only Packwood is dedicated to serving load and the wind power is being re-sold, however, the wind Renewable Energy Credits are being retained by the District to meet its Washington renewable target.

Table 4-1 – Existing non-BPA Resource Contracts

Resource	Contract #	Capacity (MW)	Annual Energy (aMW)	Contract End Date
Packwood Hydroelectric	11-51-14	3.7	0.919 ¹¹	Ongoing
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase I	01-51-13	3	1	7/1/2030
Nine Canyon Wind - Phase III	01-51-13	6	2	7/1/2030
White Creek Wind - LL&P	07-45-04	3	1	1/1/2028
White Creek Wind - WCWI	08-51-19	6	2	11/21/2027

BPA Power Sales Agreement

Most of the District’s power supply continues to be supplied through a long-term Regional Dialogue Power Sales Agreement with BPA (Contract #11-51-01). Effective October 1, 2023, with BPA’s consent, the District switched its block/slice agreement to a load following product for the remainder of its contract term (through September 30, 2028). Additional details regarding the switch to load following are discussed below in the **Resource Adequacy** subsection of **Section 5 – Resource Strategy**.

Under all BPA contract types, the amount of power that BPA’s preference customers may purchase under BPA’s lowest cost rate is limited to an amount equal to the generating output of the current Federal System, with some limited amounts of augmentation (“Tier 1” power). Any incremental purchases by preference customers from BPA above this base amount of power ~~is~~ sold at a higher rate reflecting the incremental cost to BPA of obtaining additional power (“Tier 2” power). BPA has established for each preference customer a contractually defined level of access to power available at BPA’s lowest cost preference rate (“Tier 1” rates). BPA refers to a customer’s Tier 1 amount as their Contract High-Water Mark (**CHWM**) or Rate Period High-Water Mark (**RHWM**). This Tier 1 amount is based on the customer’s net requirement load for the 12-month period ~~ended~~ ending September 30, 2010, with adjustments possible each rate period, typically due to Federal System changes or from utility annexation (e.g. City of Richland annexation of District load).

Beginning October 1, 2023, the District has elected to serve its net requirement above its Tier 1 allocation (a.k.a. Above-~~CHWM~~ High-Water-Mark load) with Tier 2 through the remainder of the contract. ~~For consideration by this Resource Plan,~~ The District’s Tier 1 ~~RHWM is currently set at allocation is:~~

- ~~200.923 aMW, for fiscal years 2024-2025, as finalized August 30, 2022.~~
- 202.081 aMW ~~for “Draft Final” for~~ fiscal years 2026-2028.

¹¹ Packwood is 0.919 aMW under critical water (per Exhibit A of BPA contract). Assume 1.2654 aMW under median water.

- ~~as finalized #####, an increase 1.158 aMW, which reflects BPA's agreement in principle with Canada on a modernized Columbia River Treaty. Number is subject to change, as BPA will not be publishing final values until late September 2024.~~

BPA Transmission

BPA requires that transmission services be purchased separately. BPA's Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) delineates the terms and conditions of providing and taking transmission service. The District has executed BPA's Network Integration Transmission (NT) Service (NITS) Agreement (Contract #22-51-02) for long-term firm transmission service from October 1, 2023, through September 30, 2031. The District previously had a Point-to-Point (PTP) Transmission Agreement that began in May 1997, but it was converted to NITS service effective October 1, 2023, in conjunction with the switch to load following.¹²

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¹² The District retains a 1 MW PTP contract (#02-51-22) for transmission service that was not eligible for conversion to NT.

5. Resource Strategy

Resource Adequacy

Resource adequacy is the term used to describe an electricity system’s ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year. The District remains concerned about deteriorating regional resource adequacy, resulting in part from Washington and other western state energy policies. This concern was well described ~~in by a Commission Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523, Resolution No. 2523 passed in November 2019, “In Support of Actions to Ensure Electric Sector Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest”~~¹³, ~~passed in November 2019~~. Similar concerns were emphasized in the District’s November 2021 letter to BPA, ~~Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter~~, requesting the option to convert from slice/block to load following. As the District considers its future resource choices, resource adequacy will continue to be a key driver of the District’s strategy.

~~On December 16, 2022, BPA issued its final decision letter to continue participation in the Western Power Pool’s Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and electing Winter 2027-2028 as its first binding season. As a participant in the WRAP, BPA would take on the role of Load Responsible Entity for all load following customers and would be contractually bound to meet its firm power contractual obligations regardless of any obligations under the WRAP. The WRAP would provide BPA with a last backstop for the capacity to serve its firm power contractual obligations if BPA were to be deficit and could find no other bilateral counterparties.~~

The District’s October 1, 2023, conversion from slice/block to load following has been successful at cost-effectively ensuring the District has access to dispatchable energy and capacity to responsibly cover its seasonal energy and capacity deficits. Under the load following contract, BPA is obligated to meet the District’s net requirement load. The change has eliminated the District’s direct participation in power markets as a buyer and seller and is expected to reduce power supply price risk and the risk of not having adequate physical generation to meet demand.

The conversion to load following has mitigated the District’s near-term resource adequacy risk, however, it has also transferred additional risk to BPA, which means the District must remain committed to tracking BPA’s resource adequacy and regional issues that may impact BPA. The District’s resource adequacy monitoring includes, but is not limited to, tracking the studies listed below in **Table 5-1**.

Table 5-1 – Regional resource adequacy studies

#	Entity	Study Name / Website Link	Frequency	Study Window
1	BPA Bonneville Power Administration	Resource Program	Every 2 years	Feb. 2025
2	Northwest electric utilities	Integrated Resource Plans	Every 2 years	Varies
3	Western Electricity Coordinating Council	Western Assessment of Resource Adequacy	Annual	Jan. 2026
4	Northwest Power and Conservation Council	Pacific Northwest Power Supply Adequacy Assessment	Annual	Aug. 2024

¹³ ~~See Resolution No. 2523, November 12, 2019 (pdf pages 185-189) Appendix C for Resolution No. 2523~~

<u>5</u>	<u>Northwest Power and Conservation Council</u>	<u>Northwest Power Plan</u>	<u>Every 5 Years</u>	<u>Mar. 2022 (2021 Plan)</u>
<u>56</u>	<u>Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee</u>	<u>Northwest Regional Forecast</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Apr. 2026</u>
<u>7</u>	<u>Energy + Environmental Economics</u>	<u>Resource Adequacy and the Energy Transition in the Pacific Northwest</u>	<u>Adhoc</u>	<u>Apr. 2026</u>

The District's current assessment of these studies is that there continues to be concern about regional resource adequacy. Being a load following customer of BPA, the District is fortunate to have its resource adequacy needs met entirely by BPA, however, the District is closely following how BPA may rely on market purchases until procuring additional resources, if needed, to meet its long-term obligations under the Provider of Choice contracts.

Traditionally, BPA completes the Resource Program on a two-year cycle. BPA published the 2024 Resource Program in February 2025. BPA has extended the timeline for the next Resource Program, with delivery expected in December 2027. That timeline ensures the Resource Program's needs assessment reflects forecasted firm load obligations by sequencing it after customers' Provider of Choice contract long-term above-CHWM service elections, which are expected to be finalized this summer. BPA's final needs assessment will not be available until February 2027, however, as of April 2026, BPA is indicating it will prepare a preliminary needs assessment following the customer above-CHWM elections and may consider commercial acquisition shortly thereafter, if triggered by a demonstrated need.¹⁴

The District is also monitoring the emergence of regional resource adequacy programs and power markets:

- On December 16, 2022, BPA issued its final decision letter to continue participation in the Western Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) and electing Winter 2027-2028 as its first binding season.¹⁵ As a participant in the WRAP, BPA would take on the role of Load Responsible Entity for all load following customers and would be contractually bound to meet its firm power contractual obligations regardless of any obligations under the WRAP. The WRAP would provide BPA with a last backstop for the capacity to serve its firm power contractual obligations if BPA were to be deficit and could find no other bilateral counterparties. Additional information about WRAP is available on the Western Power Pool's website¹⁶, including an Energy GPS, LLC Special Report: Western Resource Adequacy Program Primer.¹⁷
- On May 9, 2025, BPA issued its Day-Ahead Market Policy, which established BPA's intent to pursue participation in Southwest Power Pool's Markets+ day-ahead market. On March 12, 2026, BPA announced it was moving forward with implementation and proposing joining Markets+ in October 2028.¹⁸

¹⁴ BPA Provider of Choice Presentation - 4/20/2026

¹⁵ <https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/western-resource-adequacy-program>

¹⁶ <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/about/programs/western-resource-adequacy-program>

¹⁷ <https://www.westernpowerpool.org/news/energy-gps-issues-special-report-on-wrap>

¹⁸ <https://www.bpa.gov/learn-and-participate/projects/day-ahead-market>

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Resource Plan

This Resource Plan is consistent with the following strategic goal in the District's published Strategic Plan¹⁹:

- **ENSURE A RELIABLE, ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE & LEAST-COST POWER SUPPLY**
Balance environmental and economic tradeoffs and risks to achieve a power supply portfolio which helps ensure the health, safety and well-being of our customers.

The District's 10-year resource plan is enumerated below and visualized in **Figure 5-1**.

1. Continue pursuing cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation, consistent with applicable requirements of the Energy Independence Act and the Clean Energy Transformation Act.
2. Continue with Packwood hydroelectric as a dedicated resource, per the BPA contractual commitment.
3. Through September 30, 2028—the remainder of the District's BPA Regional Dialogue contract—the District is contractually committed to BPA's load following contract, including serving its above High Water Mark load with BPA's Tier 2 power.
4. For October 1, 2028, through 20364—~~including~~ the first ~~68~~ years of BPA's 16-year Provider of Choice~~Post-2028~~ contract—the District's strategy assumes, for this Resource Plan and subject to change, continuing with BPA's load following contract and with serving all above High Water Mark load with BPA's long-term Tier 2 power. Additional details about BPA Provider of Choice~~Post-2028~~ contract assumptions are provided in the next section.

¹⁹ <https://www.bentonpud.org/about-benton-pud/planning-performance/strategic-planning>

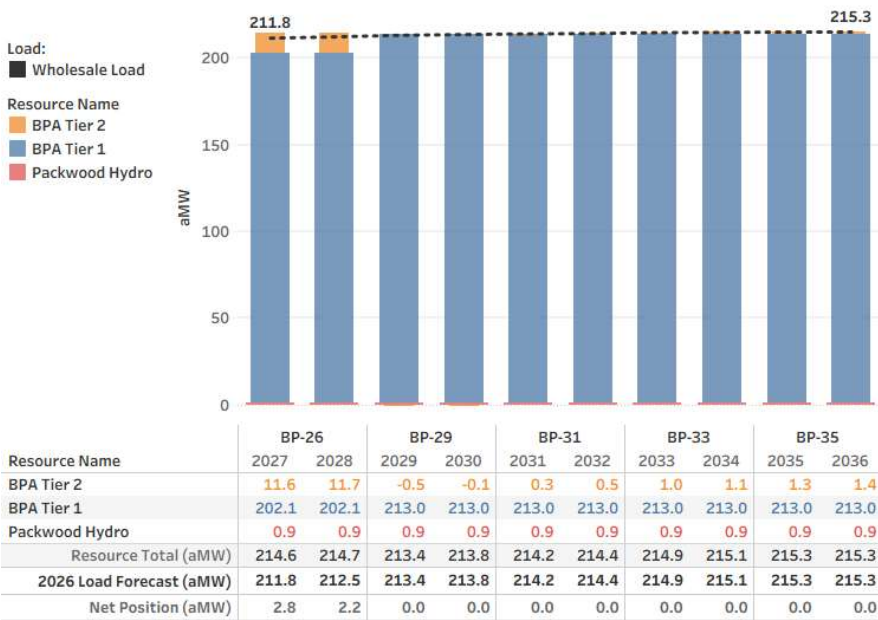
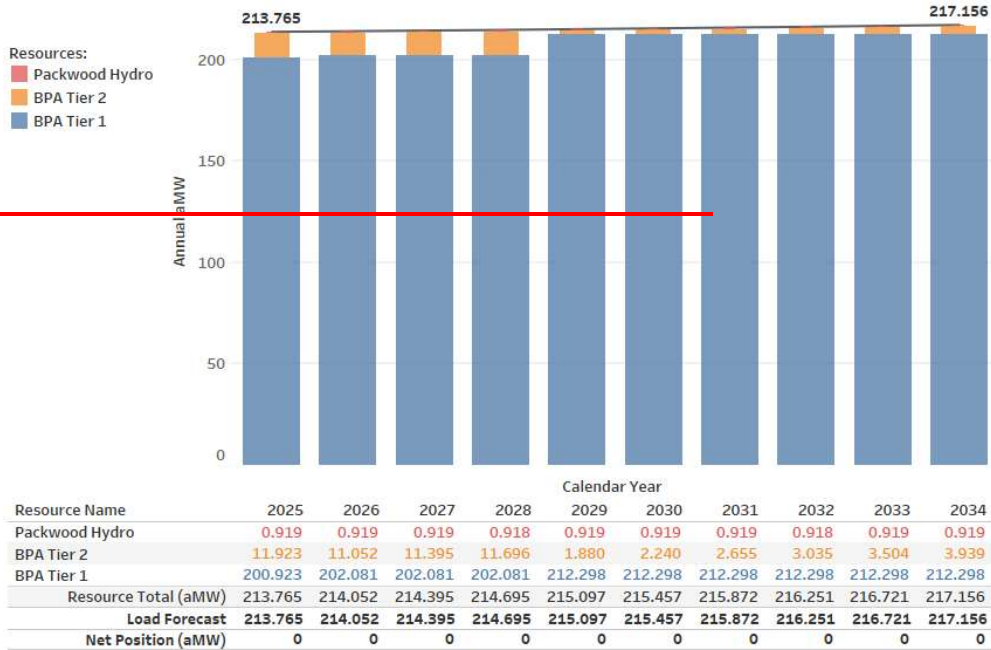


Figure 5-1 – 10-Year Resource Plan by BPA Rate Case and Fiscal Year Load and resource net position from 2025 through 2034

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BPA ~~Post-2028~~ Provider of Choice Contract

BPA's Provider of Choice process refers to the development of BPA's Post-2028 contracts. ~~The current timeline is for customers to execute new contracts by December 2025,~~ committing to 16-years of service from October 1, 2028, through September 30, 2044. ~~On October 14, 2025, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2709, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Provider of Choice, Load Following Power Sales Agreement (Contract #25-51-02) with BPA.²⁰ Furthermore, Resolution No. 2709 authorized the General Manager and/or his designees to take any and all actions necessary or appropriate to implement the Agreement. BPA expects to release a contract record of decision in September 2025 and all contracts to be executed by December 2025, as shown below in Figure 5-2.~~



Figure 5-2 – BPA Post-2028 Contract Timeline as of 4/9/2024

This Resource Plan makes certain assumptions—enumerated below—about the District's Post-2028 contract, however, these assumptions are subject to change. The District will ~~continue separately evaluatevaluating~~ its Post-2028 contract options ~~over the next several months,~~ as ~~additional more~~ BPA contract and rate information becomes available.

1. This Resource Plan reflects the District's choice of the Customers must elect a product choice of either block, block/slice or load following product.

1.a. The District ~~and then~~ will have a one-time product switch option during the contract. A minimum of three years notice would apply, with the product switch being effective at the start of the next rate period. ~~This Resource Plan assumes load following.~~

2. This Resource Plan uses a CHWM of 213.007 aMW.

a. BPA has published a preliminary model showing a Contract High Water Mark (CHWM) of 212.298 aMW for the District; however, the model is only representative. BPA expects to published ~~the~~ the final preliminary Contract High Water Mark (CHWMs) model on ~~in February 2026 and final in May 28, 2026.~~

²⁰ Resolution No. 2709, 10/14/2025 Commission Packet (pdf pages 94-229)

b. The District's CHWM ~~is expected to increase~~ from its Regional Dialogue contract because the model ~~include~~includes a positive proportional share adjustment due to BPA's system size increasing to a fixed amount of 7,250 aMW and positive adjustments for customer load growth and conservation achievements through 2023, both of which are favorable for the District.

~~2-c.~~ The District's CHWM amount will be fixed for the contract life, unlike the current contract where the amount is subject to change every rate period. This Resource Plan uses a Post-2028 CHWM of 212,298,213.007 aMW.

3. This Resource Plan assumes election of the long-term Tier 2 path to serve above CHWM load.

a. Within 60 days of the final CHWMs ~~being published by July 27, 2026~~, customers must elect an option for serving their above CHWM load.

b. The above CHWM load service options are either electing, 1) BPA's long-term Tier 2 path, 2) the "flexible" above CHWM path, or 3) a combination of the two paths. The "flexible path" is where the customer is responsible for serving their above CHWM load with a combination of the customer's non-federal resources, BPA's short-term Tier 2, or BPA's Tier 2 Vintage rate.

c. For customers that initially elect any amount of BPA long-term Tier 2, BPA is proposing a one-time option to change (cap, or reduce) their long-term Tier 2 election amount, subject to a change fee and change charge. A minimum of three years notice would apply with the change to be effective at the start of the next rate period.

d. On March 24, 2026, Staff presented to Commission regarding the above CHWM load service election and recommended electing the long-term Tier 2 path to serve all above CHWM load.^{21,22} This Resource Plan assumes the long-term Tier 2 path.

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7.6. Energy Independence Act

Energy Conservation

Washington's Energy Independence Act (EIA or I-937), RCW 19.285, requires the District to pursue all cost-effective, reliable, and feasible conservation resources and to meet conservation targets set using a utility-specific conservation potential assessment methodology. The District's most recent CPA²³ was an input to the 2026⁶⁴ Load Forecast.

Renewable Portfolio Standard

The District is required to comply with EIA's 15% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) requirement.²⁴ Historically, the District has annually retired Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) associated with its long-term power supply contracts for the White Creek and Nine Canyon wind projects, BPA wind and incremental hydro allocations, other qualifying REC contracts, and additional quantities from REC market purchases when needed. The District plans to continue using

²¹ [Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Packet \(pdf pages 120-128\)](#)

²² [Above Contract High Water Mark Load Election, 3/24/2026 Commission Presentation](#)

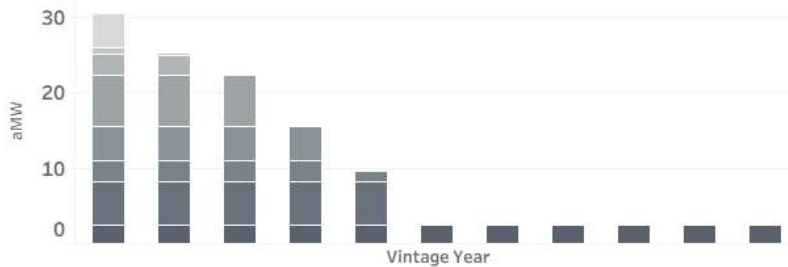
²³ [Amended 2025 Conservation Potential Assessment – Resolution No. 2700, 8/12/2025 Resolution No. 2670, April 23, 2024](#)

²⁴ 15% of the average of the previous two years annual retail load.

REC purchases to meet its 15% RPS requirement. The District’s existing REC contracts and their forecasted REC amounts are shown below in **Table 6-1**.

Table 6-1 — REC Contracts (MWh) by Vintage Year

REC Contract	Vintage Year										
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034
3 Degrees	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000						
BPA Incremental Hydro	22,215	22,154	22,154	22,154	22,215	22,168	22,168	22,168	22,168	22,168	22,168
BPA Wind	7,867	7,867	7,867	4,006							
Emerald City	66,000	66,000									
Idaho Wind	35,003										
Nine Canyon	23,616	23,616	23,616	23,616	23,616	23,616	11,808				
RPS Associates	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000	40,000					
White Creek	24,047	24,047	24,047	22,051							
Grand Total	278,748	243,684	177,684	171,827	145,831	85,784	33,976	22,168	22,168	22,168	22,168



REC Contract Name	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036
Caely 2026	4.6										
BPA Wind	0.9	0.5									
White Creek	2.7	2.5									
3Degrees	6.8	6.8	6.8								
RPS Associates	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6							
Nine Canyon	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.7	1.3						
3Degrees 2026-2030	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7	5.7						
BPA Incremental Hydro	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
REC Contract Total aMWh	30.5	25.3	22.3	15.5	9.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5

Table Figure 6-1 – Existing REC Contracts (MWh) by Vintage Year

While the table above shows the REC contracts and the total amount of RECs forecasted by their vintage year, it does not represent the actual number of RECs that are available for retirement in any given compliance year. This is because EIA allows RECs that are retired for a given compliance year to originate from vintage years that are the same year as the compliance year, or the previous year, or the next year.

The District’s plan for acquiring and retiring, across multiple years, the unbundled RECs necessary to meet its 15% RPS requirement is further complicated—for the better—by the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA), which will result in a step-change reduction in the District’s RPS target (from 15% to about 5.4%), starting January 1, 2030, whereas the

District is able to satisfy its EIA RPS requirement by complying with the CETA GHG neutral standard, as further described below in **Section 7 - Clean Energy Transformation Act**.

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Figure 6-1 below represents the District’s REC target, REC contract amounts, and the REC net position by compliance year—after factoring in the REC vintage year retirement options and the CETA changes. The graph highlights the District’s need to acquire additional RECs starting in compliance year ~~2030~~2027 and increasingly more need through ~~2029~~, as existing contracts expire, then reducing significantly starting in ~~2030~~. The actual REC procurement strategy (number of contracts, contract amount, contract length, etc.) is outside the scope of this resource plan. Preliminarily, the District should consider a new 10-year REC contract for about 3575,000 RECs starting in 2030~~2026~~, that will be used for ~~2027~~ compliance and another 10-year contract for about 30,000 RECs starting in 2027. These recommendations are subject to change after further analysis.

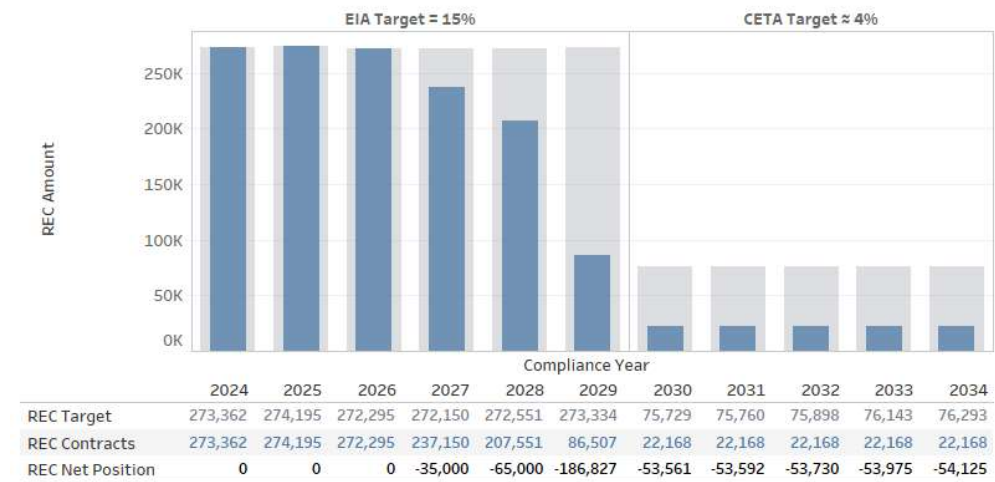
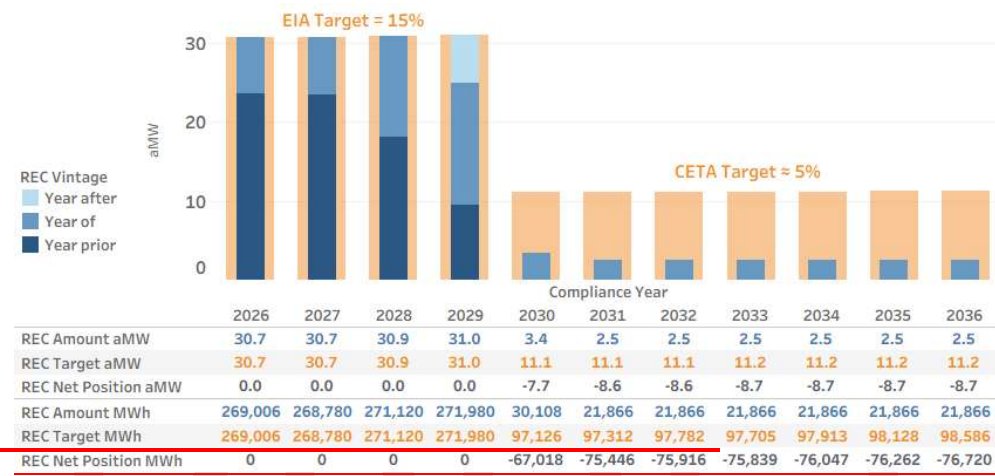


Figure 6-1 – REC Net Position (MWh) by Compliance Year and Vintage

8.7. Clean Energy Transformation Act

Washington's resource planning RCW 19.280.030(5)(d) requires the District to identify "how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050". The District's implementation plan for these two CETA requirements are described below:

GHG Neutral Standard

The GHG neutral standard (RCW 19.405.040) says, "(1) It is the policy of the state that all retail sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers be greenhouse gas neutral by January 1, 2030...".

1. The District's existing and proposed resource strategy of conservation, Packwood hydroelectric and BPA's load following contract results in the District's power supply already being about 956% clean.
 - a. Given nearly all the District's power supply is from BPA, the District's percentage of clean resources is about the same as BPA's, which has historically been about 956% clean (85% hydro, 11% nuclear, 4% non-clean), based on the median BPA's fuel mix data for 2016-2023.²⁵
 - b. The District assumes BPA's clean energy mix will remain near 956% through the 10-year period of this plan (through 20364), including through the remainder its existing BPA contract and into BPA's Post-2028 contract that begins October 1, 2028.
2. For the remaining 54% of non-clean energy, the District plans to procure unbundled RECs, which is an allowable alternative compliance option (up to a maximum of 20%) to meet the GHG neutral standard.
 - a. From present through 2029, the District expects to easily exceed the GHG neutral standard given the District's 15% EIA RPS target versus a need of only 54% for the GHG neutral standard.
 - b. Beginning January 1, 2030, and for each multiyear compliance period thereafter, through December 31, 2044, the District intends to continue using unbundled renewable energy credits to meet its approximately 54% non-clean energy need, thereby meeting both the compliance obligations of the GHG neutral standard and the EIA RPS.
3. See ~~Appendix F – Clean Energy Forecast~~~~Appendix C – Clean Energy Forecast~~ for the supporting data of the GHG neutral standard REC target.

100% Clean Standard

The 100% clean standard (RCW 19.405.050) says, "(1) It is the policy of the state that nonemitting electric generation and electricity from renewable resources supply one hundred percent of all sales of electricity to Washington retail electric customers by January 1, 2045...".

Currently the 100% clean standard, beginning in 2045, is 21-19 years into the future and is 119-years beyond the time horizon of this 10-year resource plan, ending in 20364. The District is well positioned currently; however, it is also recognized that the upper limit of the District's percentage clean energy is limited to BPA's progress at improving its fuel mix—absent replacing BPA with other resources. The District will be monitoring the changes in BPA's fuel mix over the next several years, including how their mix changes because of participation in emerging western markets.

²⁵ <https://www.bpa.gov/energy-and-services/power/hydropower-impact>

Lastly, the District will continue to advocate for the benefits of non-emitting nuclear energy and the need for BPA and other utilities to consider nuclear in their resource planning for its long-term benefits for emissions reduction, energy security, transmission availability, reliability, and economic development.

Clean Energy Implementation Plan

Washington Administrative Code 194-40-050 says the following about developing a Clean Energy Implementation Plan (CEIP), “Each utility must submit by January 1, 2022, and every four years thereafter, a CEIP for resources to be acquired and other actions to be undertaken during the next interim performance period or GHG neutral compliance period to comply with the **GHG neutral standard** and the **100% electricity clean standard**...”.

CETA requires the District to prepare a 4-year CEIP that is consistent with its Resource Plan. ~~The 2024 Resource Plan was referenced by, therefore, this Resource Plan will be an input to the District’s next CEIP for the period 2026-2029, to be prepared by January 1, 2026. The District’s most recent previous CEIP, approved in October 2025, for the period 2022-2025 was approved by Commission in November 2021.~~²⁶

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²⁶ ~~Clean Energy Implementation Plan for 2022-2025/2026-2029 CEIP — Resolution No. 25852710, October 28, 2025/November 9, 2021~~

Appendix A – Resource Plan Requirements

Requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5)	District Comments:
<i>(5) All other utilities may elect to develop a full integrated resource plan as set forth in subsection (1) of this section or, at a minimum, shall develop a resource plan that:</i>	The District shall develop a Resource Plan that meets the requirements of RCW 19.280.030(5), as described below:
<i>(a) Estimates loads for the next five and 10 years;</i>	See Section 3 – Load .
<i>(b) Enumerates the resources that will be maintained and/or acquired to serve those loads;</i>	See Section 4 – Existing Resources , and Section 5 - Resource Strategy .
<i>(c) Explains why the resources in (b) of this subsection were chosen and, if the resources chosen are not: (i) Renewable resources; (ii) methods, commercially available technologies, or facilities for integrating renewable resources, including addressing any overgeneration event; or (iii) conservation and efficiency resources, why such a decision was made;</i>	
<i>(d) By December 31, 2020, and in every resource plan thereafter, identifies how the utility plans over a 10-year period to implement RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050; and</i>	See Section 7 – Clean Energy Transformation Act .
<i>(e) Accounts for:</i> <i>(i) Modeled load forecast scenarios that consider the anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in a utility's service area, including anticipated levels of zero emissions vehicle use in the utility's service area provided in RCW 47.01.520, if feasible;</i>	See the Electrification subsection of Section 3 – Load .
<i>(ii) Analysis, research, findings, recommendations, actions, and any other relevant information found in the electrification of transportation plans submitted under RCW 35.92.450, 54.16.430, and 80.28.365; and</i>	
<i>(iii) Assumed use case forecasts and the associated energy impacts. Electric utilities may, but are not required to, use the forecasts generated by the mapping and forecasting tool created in RCW 47.01.520. This subsection (5)(e)(iii) applies only to plans due to be filed after September 1, 2023.</i>	
<u>Requirements of RCW 19.280.050(1)</u>	<u>District Comments:</u>
<u>The governing body of a consumer-owned utility that develops a plan under this chapter shall encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and progress reports and approve the plans and progress reports after it has provided public notice and hearing.</u>	<u>The District held three public hearings and also accepted public input via its Resource Plan development webpage.²⁷ See Appendix C – Public Comment Log for a list of comments received.</u>

²⁷ Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>

Appendix B – Commerce Cover Sheet

Utility Information

Report Year	2026
Utility	Benton County PUD No. 1
Prepared by	Blake Scherer
Email	schererb@bentonpud.org
Date of Board/Commission Approval	DRAFT
Notes: Explain resource choices other than conservation/use of renewable energy credits	Refer to Cover Sheet Notes and Benton PUD's 2026 Resource Plan, Resolution No. #####, July ##, 2026.

Washington State Utility Resource Plan Year 2026				
Estimate Interval	Base Year	5-year Forecast		10-year Forecast
Estimate Period	2025	2030	2035	
Season	Annual	Annual	Annual	
Units	aMW	aMW	aMW	
Loads	212.907	217.271	224.900	
Exports				
Resources:				
Energy Conservation Measures		3.426	9.626	
BTM Solar				
Demand Response				
BPA Tier 1 or Base	202.081	213.007	213.007	
BPA Tier 2	11.464	-0.081	1.348	
Cogeneration				
Hydro	1.147	0.919	0.919	
Wind				
Utility-scale Solar				
FTM Distributed Solar				
Biomass				
Biogas				
Landfill Gas				
Geothermal				
Nuclear				
Other Distributed Renewables				
Thermal Natural Gas				
Thermal Coal				
Market Purchases				
Other				
Imports				
Undecided				
Total Resources	214.69	217.27	224.90	
Load Resource Balance	1.78	0.00	0.00	

Benton PUD Cover Sheet Notes:

- Line 15 "Estimate Period" - Periods are BPA Fiscal Years (FY), from Oct-Sep;
- Line 18 "Loads" - Base Year load is FY2025 actual, not weather normalized;
- Line 21 "Energy Conservation Measures" - Increased by 3.04% to include system losses;
- Line 27 "Hydro" - Packwood hydro is dedicated resource in Exhibit A of BPA contract;

Appendix C – Public Comment Log

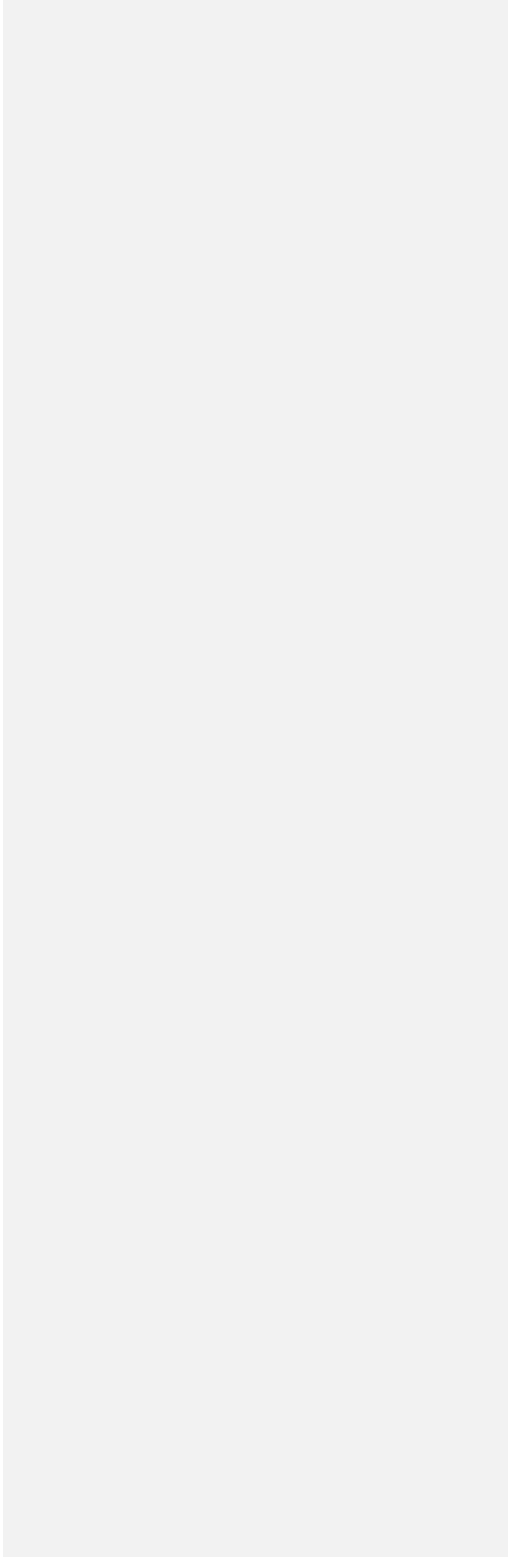
Commented [B51]: Public comments received through 5/31/2026. To be updated after public comment period closes.

ID #	Method	Date	City of Residence	Name	Public Input/Comment:
1	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Dennis Fife	Is there any plans to include a new nuclear plant or several SMRs?
2	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Michael Rundhaug	I DO NOT want to pay higher bills because of data centers. I didn't vote for them. I don't live in them. I don't get paid by them. Please do whatever you can to prevent this. Thank you
3	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	PT Arnold	We are currently in our 4th consecutive season of drought and fire extreme. Data centers should NOT be consideration in Benton and Franklin counties as they consume both our utilities and water resources abundantly. We can not afford to lose these and must protect our beautiful eastern Wa. No amount of money is worth the sell out of our environment that makes Tri-Cities Awesome.
4	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Jack W	I don't want to see more windmills in our area. I think we should be incentivizing personal solar installations and so we need to get plug and play solar on the books as an inexpensive option for people like other states have been doing.
5	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	JEREMY Strohmeier	Highest priority should be maintaining electricity generation from dams. Increasing electricity demand should be met with increased nuclear power generation.
6	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Margaret Wade	Keep costs down is the most important thing for me and the people I talk with.
7	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Cate B	Discount for long time city residents and those 65 yrs. and older on fixed income.
8	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Bailey Hargroves	A sustainable renewable energy plan to keep energy cost low and the environmental impact to a minimum
9	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Robin Callow	Please provide information on how the agency intends on dealing with the data centers that are being proposed nearby and what impacts that may have on current residents.
10	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Gene Luczynski	Electric and Natural Gas need to work together as there's no way WA will be able to reach green energy goals per the WA CCA. Wind and solar cannot supply the replacement needs of NW or WA. Hydropower must remain and Small Modular Reactors (SMR's) should be a new player in future energy needs.
11	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Santiago, Alfaro	Fue excelente [Was excellent]
12	Webpage	05/13/2026	Kennewick	Frances Leavell	Please consider working with KID to use solar panels over the canals, which would not only serve in energy production but preserve water loss

13	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Jessie Riggle	I would fight for our dams any way possible. Our dams are our most reliable and affordable source of energy. I would dismiss and not go towards and movements to increase wind energy as it is a very small factor and has huge environmental impacts with animals and also they can't be recycled. I would hope that PUD has the communities best interest at heart and will work to make power more affordable as our cost for power have already increased this year. I would also like if the PUD fought any desires to build a data center here as they also cause huge environmental issues and health issues in people and animals and use up our valuable resources.
14	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Basalat Raja	Part of the power is lost as Benton PUD transmits electricity to get the homes. Solar panels are cheaper than ever and windmill improvement research and improvement is continually on-going. PUD should consider the possibility of reverse-bids - in our area, homeowners own massive, unused land. Let them offer to rent this land for PUD to put panels on it to power their and their neighbors' homes. The installations should be fully owned by PUD, just placed on rented land that is selected on the basis of lowest rent and most efficient placement. PUD will save a lot of money by reducing wasted transmission.
15	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Linda Parish	Please focus on clean, renewable energy sources; i.e. hydro and nuclear. I'm not a fan of wind turbines (bird killers and eye pollution) and profit only the landowner where the turbine is sited. Thank you.
16	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Deanna Richardson	I want more projects leaning towards solar energy. Many people can't get solar do to cost as well as living in apartments, what is PUD doing to encourage and help this?
17	Webpage	05/14/2026	Kennewick	Sydney Schmitt	My only concern is the price doubling in the next few years with everything else going up but my main concern is if our electricity is ever supplied to a data center, please do not force the cost onto current and future residential customers. It is extremely unethical and just flat out not okay. My family has lived in Kennewick for generations and I don't want to see electricity become unaffordable. Thank you.
18	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	Leanne M Selix	Since families with children are the PUDs largest users, I believe a greater effort on educating the young on energy conservation would benefit parents and our environment !
19	Webpage	05/15/2026	Kennewick	LEONARD HARVILLE	Please consider adding SMR's (Small Modular Reactors) at the Energy Northwest sight in Richland, WA.
20	Webpage	05/16/2026	Kennewick	David Weber	Two data centers are planned to be built in Benton County and one near Walla Walla. Trammell Crow Lewis & Clark Ranch Data Center, Atlas Agro Data Center Campus, and AWS Wallula Gap Data Center Campus. I expect full, detailed reports on how each of these will use utilities, specifically the amount of gigawatts they will consume and how much will be provided by Benton Pub. Further, I expect a detailed report on whether and how the cost of developing infrastructure may be passed on to residents that use Benton Pub to keep our lights on.

21	Webpage	05/20/2026	Kennewick	Diane Gerig	The ONE thing that will destroy this community it a data center. DO NOT E N ALLOW one meeting with buying tech. DATA centers have proven to destroy communitues
22	Webpage	05/25/2026	Kennewick	Jon Fager	I am disappointed that the public hearing meetings are at 9 a.m. when most employed people with an interest in attending need to be at work. I have attended the evening presentations that Benton PUD hosts annually. I appreciate the preparation and presentations. Over the past couple of years, the primary presenter has painted a very negative picture of wind and solar power. I would like to see Benton PUD find ways to increase its use of solar and wind power as part of a wide ranging portfolio of energy sources. I would like to see us improve our already strong commitment to clean energy by embracing these technologies rather than denigrating them.
23	Webpage	5/31/2026	Kennewick	Lisa Peppard	I care about fiscal responsibility of the PUD, keeping costs as low as possible to the consumer; environmental stewardship and responsibility; reliability; and keeping partisan politics out of the utility district.

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| Appendix D – Resolution No. 2523

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RESOLUTION NO. 2523

November 12, 2019

**A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON IN
SUPPORT OF ACTIONS TO ENSURE ELECTRIC SECTOR RESOURCE ADEQUACY
IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST**

WHEREAS, policy makers in Washington and other key western states have enacted policies or legislation to significantly reduce or remove fossil fuel generation (coal and natural gas) from the electric system in favor of incorporating a significant amount of renewable energy generation (wind and solar); AND

WHEREAS, recent legislation in the State of Washington calls for the elimination of coal by 2025 and all carbon emitting generation by 2045, including natural gas; AND

WHEREAS, while wind and solar can be substitutes for the energy that coal resources have traditionally provided, they cannot easily replace the capacity that is needed for resource adequacy due to the lack of economically viable and operationally proven long-term grid-scale energy storage and the variable nature of wind and solar "fuel" sources which are largely dependent on the weather and time of day; AND

WHEREAS, Resource Adequacy is the term most often used to describe an electricity system's ability to meet demand under a broad range of conditions including times of peak energy demand during the hottest and coldest days in any given year; AND

WHEREAS, failure to ensure Resource Adequacy may result in capacity shortages which refers to any situation in which the energy supply capability of an electric utility is not sufficient to meet its customers' energy requirements and this shortage would affect the utility's ability to adequately supply electric services to its customers; AND

WHEREAS, under the sponsorship of three investor-owned utilities and ten public utilities, Energy & Environmental Economics (E3) published an extensive study in March 2019 titled *Resource Adequacy in the Pacific Northwest* (Resource Adequacy Study) which found that 5,000 MW of new firm capacity is needed by 2030 to maintain reliability for load growth. With planned coal retirements of 3,000 MW by 2030, 8,000 MW of new capacity would be needed. If all coal is retired in the region, then 16,000 MW of new firm capacity would be required; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study found that within the greater Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, and major portions of Montana and Wyoming, coal and natural gas accounted for over 48% of the effective capacity of electric resources in 2018; AND

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WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that it would be extremely costly and impractical to replace this magnitude of firm generating capacity with solar, wind and storage due to the significant renewable overbuild and required transmission-line construction needed to maintain adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded that renewables such as wind and solar generation require much greater land area to generate equivalent energy compared to generation sources such as natural gas and nuclear. Under deep decarbonization scenarios, significant land area is required for wind and solar project development. In the 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario analyzed in the Study, estimates of total land use vary from 3 million acres to 14 million acres which is equivalent to 20 to 100 times the land area of Portland and Seattle combined; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study identified a very low capacity contribution from existing wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest with Effective Load Carrying Capability (ELCC) values of 7% and 12% based on 2018 load and resource balance. ELCC is a generation resource's firm contribution to system peak load; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the incremental capacity contribution of new wind and solar in the greater Pacific Northwest declines as a function of penetration. ELCC for wind and solar in 2050 under a 100% greenhouse gas reduction scenario only increase to 22% and 16% respectively (assuming significant contributions from Montana and Wyoming wind projects); AND

WHEREAS, while the capacity contributions from wind and solar power are relatively small when compared to other generation resources, the land-use impacts of overbuilding wind and solar could be significantly impactful to citizens of Benton County and adjacent counties in eastern Washington; AND

WHEREAS, wind and solar power project development should be evaluated and prioritized for construction based on informed and complete evaluations of all costs and benefits, including economic, environmental, ecological and operational factors; AND

WHEREAS, electric utilities must balance environmental concerns with costs and very high customer expectations for grid reliability; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study used an Annual Loss of Load Expectation (LOLE) of no more than 2.4 hours per year as the standard for assessing the adequacy of the greater Pacific Northwest power grid. The LOLE was derived from a 1-in-10 standard of no more than 24 hours of lost load in 10 years which is a common standard used across the electric utility industry; AND

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WHEREAS, the LOLE standard does not specifically characterize the magnitude of lost load or the duration, it is a metric for determining the risk of power grid blackouts which depending on the location and weather conditions can represent a serious risk to the safety, health, and well-being of electric utility customers; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study concluded the greater Pacific Northwest power grid based on 2018 data does not currently meet an LOLE standard of 2.4 hours per year and will not meet this standard through 2030 under assumed load growth and planned coal-fired power plant retirements; AND

WHEREAS, the Resource Adequacy Study also identified the lack of a mandatory or voluntary national standard for Resource Adequacy; AND

WHEREAS, the real-time balancing of demand and supply in the Western Interconnection of the United States and Canadian power grids is accomplished by thirty-eight Balancing Authorities, thirteen of which operate in the greater Pacific Northwest; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authorities typically have specific generation plants and loads assigned to them that together with interconnections to other Balancing Authorities allows for regional interchange of electricity as a means of maintaining precise balance of demand and supply across large geographical areas; AND

WHEREAS, the North American Electric Reliability Council (NERC) and Western Electric Coordinating Council (WECC) publish information about Resource Adequacy but have no formal governing role; AND

WHEREAS, each Balancing Authority establishes its own Resource Adequacy standard subject to oversight by state commissions or locally-elected boards; AND

WHEREAS, Balancing Authority utilities and many other utilities, including Benton PUD, have historically relied on market purchases of unspecified generation resources contracted on a day-ahead and real-time basis to ensure demand and supply are balanced; AND

WHEREAS, the announced retirements of dependable and dispatchable coal-fired power plants in the greater Pacific Northwest coupled with various state policies is anticipated to significantly diminish the pool of available market resources that are critical to meeting electricity demand on the hottest and coldest days of the year; AND

WHEREAS, utilities in the greater Pacific Northwest are concerned that preferences for wind and solar power, coupled with battery storage technology which today is uneconomic and operationally unproven for durations required for Northwest weather events, may risk underinvestment in dependable capacity that is needed during low hydro generation periods

and prolonged periods of low wind and solar generation that often occur during extreme weather and temperature events; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool, an organization comprised of major generating utilities serving the greater Pacific Northwest, British Columbia and Alberta, issued a summary paper highlighting major studies and reports issued by leading utility industry groups that the Northwest's transition away from coal and towards cleaner generating resources is leading to an urgent and immediate challenge to the ability of the Northwest's electric system to provide reliable electric service; AND

WHEREAS, the Northwest Power Pool's white paper noted two conclusions of particular concern: 1) the region may begin to experience capacity shortages as soon as next year; and 2) by the mid-2020s, the region may face a capacity deficit of thousands of megawatts; AND

WHEREAS, acting through the Northwest Power Pool, a broad coalition of electric utilities across the Pacific Northwest agreed that a voluntary Resource Adequacy program be designed in 2020 and implemented as soon as 2021; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 electricity resource mix was approximately 95% carbon-free, primarily attributed to hydro and nuclear power which provide reliable baseload generation obtained via contracts with the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA); AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's peak loads are in excess of its allocation of hydro, nuclear and wind power resources; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's approach to managing capacity deficits experienced during peak summer and winter loading periods has been primarily to use financial instruments to hedge its position and to make unspecified market purchases for energy and capacity deficits in day-ahead and real-time markets; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's 2018 Integrated Resource Plan recommended considering longer term physical capacity purchases in periods when the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (Council) is projecting a Loss of Load probability (LOLP) greater than 5%; AND

WHEREAS, the Council has established the loss-of load probability (LOLP) metric to assess the adequacy of the Northwest's power supply. The power supply is deemed adequate if its LOLP, five years into the future, is 5 percent or less for each of the years being evaluated. This means that the likelihood of at least one shortfall in generation resources during any of the years in the five-year study must be 5 percent or less; AND

WHEREAS, the Council's 2024 Resource Adequacy Assessment indicates an LOLP of 7.5% in 2021, increasing to 8.2% or possibly 12.8% in 2024 given the October 2019 announcement by PacifiCorp of a possible early retirement of their 530-megawatt Jim Bridger 1 coal-fired power plant; AND

WHEREAS, Benton PUD's recently completed capacity analysis identified average projected heavy load hour (HLH) capacity deficits beginning after the expiration of the Frederickson power purchase agreement in September 2022 of approximately 100 megawatts in summer months (July and August) and 45 megawatts in winter months (December, January and February); AND

WHEREAS, the rapid elimination of the electric capacity provided by coal as well as the anticipated reduction of available natural-gas capacity expected to occur if new plants are not constructed may lead to capacity shortages during peak winter and summer demand periods directly impacting Benton PUD along with utility customers throughout the region; AND

WHEREAS, the creation of a greater Pacific Northwest, voluntary but enforceable Resource Adequacy standard has the potential to provide a common and consistent measure by which regulating bodies can objectively evaluate utility recommendations to acquire or construct new generation capacity for their individual and/or collective benefit.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission hereby declares its support to the Northwest Power Pool's efforts to develop a voluntary Resource Adequacy Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission and Staff will undertake an effort to heighten the awareness of customers and policy makers as to Resource Adequacy concerns, environmental and land use impacts associated with high wind and solar project development scenarios, as well as decisions that may significantly harm electric system Resource Adequacy, such as the breaching or removal of the four Lower Snake River Dams as outlined in Resolution No. 2505.

ADOPTED at an open meeting as required by law this 12th day of November 2019.


Jeffrey B. Hall, President

ATTEST:


Barry A. Bush, Secretary

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Appendix E – Load Following Request Letter

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November 12, 2021

William Rimmer
Account Executive, Eastern Power Services
Bonneville Power Administration

Re: Request for Option to Change Purchase Obligation - Contract No. 09PB-13005

Dear William:

We are requesting BPA consider providing Benton PUD with the option to exercise our one-time right to change purchase obligation as referenced in Section 11 of Contract No. 09PB-13005 (Contract) and that under our selection of this option our BPA product would be converted from Slice to Load Following effective as early as October 1, 2023.

While acknowledging Section 11.1.1 of the Contract identifies a deadline of May 31, 2016 for written notice to BPA of a requested change in purchase obligation, we believe BPA's past practice and stated policy position included in the October 31, 2008 Long-Term Regional Dialogue Contract Policy Record of Decision (ROD) provide an opportunity for our request to be evaluated and approved.

As we deliberated on making the subject request, it was encouraging to read Section 2.2.3 of the ROD which states: "BPA will remain open to additional product switching on a case-by-case basis as long as it does not shift costs or risks to BPA and its other customers." We found additional encouragement in reading BPA's August 22, 2013 decision to approve an early change in purchase obligation for Pend Oreille PUD and August 25, 2016 decision to do the same for Seattle City Light and Klickitat PUD.

Background

Benton PUD's decision not to exercise our one-time right to change our purchase obligation prior to the May 31, 2016 deadline was fundamentally based on our desire to retain the flexibility and self-determination afforded by the Slice contract together with our demonstrated success in managing power supply costs through well-established policies and procedures; including sound risk management principles and established utility practices whereby physical and financial products are used to mitigate cost and supply risks associated with energy surpluses and deficits inherent in the Slice product.

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Prior to May 31, 2016 Benton PUD's power supply management strategy was working well as we and many other utilities covered forecasted capacity and energy deficits through unspecified market purchases hedged by financial products strategically purchased to gain price certainty. While price risk was historically our biggest concern, we have always been mindful of our obligation to ensure load and resource balance and the risk of physical electricity shortfalls. So, even though in 2016 we were aware of planned northwest coal-fired power plant retirements and believed additional retirements were imminent, we also believed existing hydro and natural gas generation resources together with development of new gas plants would provide adequate market depth to allow us to continue implementing our proven strategy. To support this belief, Benton PUD closely monitored the Northwest Power and Conservation Council's loss-of-load-probability (LOLP) analysis, PNUCC's Northwest Regional Forecast and power market price volatility as primary indicators of the risk of physical shortfalls.

Fast forward to the passage of Washington State's Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) in 2019. While CETA does not outright prohibit the development of new natural gas plants, it has effectively eliminated planned investments through social-cost-of-carbon planning penalties along with punitive administrative penalties for using carbon emitting resources beginning in 2030. When you consider CETA along with Oregon's recent passage of clean energy legislation prohibiting the siting of new natural gas plants within state borders, it is easy to understand why most utilities do not believe significant new natural gas plant capacity will be built any time soon. This situation has been and continues to be very concerning to Benton PUD which is why we issued two requests for proposals (one in October 2019 and another in September 2020) to see if we could secure physical generation and begin to close a portion of the gap in our expected future capacity deficits. While we made some headway by signing one contract, we only received a total of four responses to our two RFPs and the term of the contract we did sign is only for three years beginning in late 2022 and ending in 2025.

As you know, Benton PUD is a uniquely summer peaking utility with heavy air conditioning load combining with large, irrigated agriculture pumping operations to drive our maximum customer demand. During the recent heat dome event in June of this year, irrigated agriculture represented 35% of our new maximum hourly demand of 490 megawatts. As a point of reference, Benton PUD's annual average total power supply requirements is about 210 average megawatts. And while our Slice and Block allocations provided under our existing Contract often result in a surplus annual energy position and are shaped based on a summer peaking load profile, the timing and magnitude of our allocation of BPA supply often results in significant summer season energy deficits; sometimes requiring daily market purchases like we experienced this past July. Adding to the challenge of significant and persistent summer deficits is hydro variability compounded by the uncertainty of northwest grid regional resource adequacy.

Clearly, what Benton PUD has counted on for many years and what we need going forward is access to dispatchable capacity and energy. And while Washington and Oregon clean energy policies promote

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overbuilding of wind and solar power inside and outside the northwest to replace fossil-fueled resources, these low-capacity and weather dependent technologies are not feasible or cost-effective solutions to our power supply challenges. Only hydro and natural gas can provide the dispatchability and necessary load following capabilities to responsibly cover our seasonal energy and capacity deficits.

As part of our power supply planning due diligence and desire to constructively contribute to a critically important regional effort, Benton PUD has joined the non-binding phase of the Northwest Power Pool's Western Resource Adequacy Program (WRAP) with The Energy Authority (TEA) representing our and six other utilities' interests. We are committed to doing our part to help ensure adequate physical generating resources are available and that we are not contributing to future grid emergencies and unacceptable increases in the risk of blackouts. With that said, our options are limited, and we feel compelled to reach out to BPA prior to making another attempt to secure additional capacity through competitive solicitations informed by results from WRAP analysis and program requirements.

While we are proud to be a part of the WRAP efforts and have great confidence in the design and implementation teams, we are concerned the summer season forward showing requirements could result in disproportionately high costs to Benton PUD given the large difference between our irrigation driven summer peak demand and our actual loads that begin to fall off rapidly in the period between mid-August and the end of September (corresponding to a shift from maximum water pumping to harvesting of crops).

Benton PUD plans to issue a progress report to our 2020 Integrated Resource Plan in September of 2022 and will be working with the WRAP team on participant data submittals for their first summer showing (June thru September 2023) with a deadline of October 31, 2022. With these dates in mind, it would be helpful if BPA could complete the analysis and required public processes necessary to respond to the subject request by June 30, 2022 if possible. We greatly appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to future discussions and to working with BPA on possible next steps.

Sincerely,



Rick Dunn
General Manager

Cc: Suzanne Cooper/BPA
Kim Thompson/BPA
Nancy Schimmels/BPA
Kevin White/Benton PUD

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Appendix **FB** – Clean Energy Forecast Forecast


Commented [BS2]: Clean Energy Forecast table needs to be updated for the final 2026 Resource Plan with the recently approved 2026 Load Forecast. Also, waiting to update until BPA releases its 2025 fuel mix data in June 2026.

	Compliance Period / Calendar Year											
	EIA Target = 15%						CETA Target = 4%					
	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	
Retail Sales MWh	1,817,495	1,813,109	1,815,550	1,818,458	1,825,992	1,824,408	1,827,466	1,830,982	1,839,221	1,838,184	1,841,871	
2-Year Average Retail Sales MWh	1,822,413	1,827,968	1,815,302	1,814,330	1,817,004	1,822,225	1,825,200	1,825,937	1,829,224	1,835,102	1,838,703	
REC Target %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	
REC Target MWh	273,362	274,195	272,295	272,150	272,551	273,334	275,729	275,760	275,898	276,143	276,293	
BPA Fuel Mix % Renewable	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	84.880%	
BPA Fuel Mix % Non-emitting	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	10.941%	
BPA Fuel Mix % Non-Clean	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	4.179%	
BPA Fuel Mix % Clean	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	95.821%	
BPA Fuel Mix % Total	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	
BPUD Wholesale Load MWh	1,877,109	1,872,579	1,875,100	1,878,104	1,885,884	1,884,248	1,887,406	1,891,038	1,899,547	1,898,476	1,902,285	
BPUD Packwood MWh	13,550	13,520	13,520	13,520	13,550	13,520	13,520	13,520	13,550	13,520	13,520	
BPUD BPA Net Requirement MWh	1,863,559	1,859,059	1,861,580	1,864,584	1,872,334	1,870,728	1,873,886	1,877,518	1,885,997	1,884,956	1,888,765	
BPUD Packwood % of Load	0.722%	0.722%	0.721%	0.720%	0.718%	0.718%	0.716%	0.715%	0.713%	0.712%	0.711%	
BPUD BPA % of Load	99.278%	99.278%	99.279%	99.280%	99.282%	99.282%	99.284%	99.285%	99.287%	99.288%	99.289%	
BPUD Total % of Load Check1	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	
BPUD Renewable % of Load	84.989%	84.989%	84.989%	84.989%	84.989%	84.989%	84.988%	84.988%	84.988%	84.988%	84.987%	
BPUD Non-emitting % of Load	10.862%	10.862%	10.862%	10.862%	10.862%	10.862%	10.863%	10.863%	10.863%	10.863%	10.863%	
BPUD Non-Clean % of Load	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	4.149%	
BPUD Clean % of Load	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	95.851%	
BPUD Total % of Load Check2	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	100.000%	
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,548,853	1,553,575	1,542,807	1,541,978	1,544,247	1,548,682	1,551,207	1,551,829	1,554,618	1,559,611	1,562,667	
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	197,951	198,554	197,480	197,077	197,370	197,939	198,265	198,347	198,708	199,349	199,743	
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	75,609	75,839	75,314	75,275	75,387	75,604	75,729	75,760	75,898	76,143	76,293	
BPUD Retail Clean Total MWh	1,746,804	1,752,129	1,739,987	1,739,055	1,741,617	1,746,621	1,749,472	1,750,176	1,753,326	1,758,960	1,762,410	
BPUD Retail Total MWh	1,822,413	1,827,968	1,815,301	1,814,330	1,817,004	1,822,225	1,825,201	1,825,936	1,829,224	1,835,103	1,838,703	

	Calendar Year											
	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	
BPUD Retail MWh	1,805,809	1,809,127	1,817,278	1,815,392	1,818,732	1,822,186	1,830,945	1,829,512	1,833,390	1,837,390	1,845,909	
BPUD Retail Prior 2-Year Avg. MWh	1,793,372	1,791,866	1,807,468	1,813,203	1,816,335	1,817,062	1,820,459	1,826,566	1,830,229	1,831,451	1,835,390	
REC Target MWh	269,006	268,780	271,120	271,980	271,126	271,126	271,126	271,126	271,126	271,126	271,126	
REC Target EIA %	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	15.000%	
REC Target CETA %	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	
BPUD Retail Non-Clean %	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.340%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	5.341%	
BPUD Retail Clean %	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.660%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	94.659%	
BPUD Retail Renewable %	83.976%	83.976%	83.975%	83.976%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.975%	83.974%	
BPUD Retail Non-emitting %	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.684%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	10.685%	
BPUD Retail Non-Clean MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586	
BPUD Retail Clean MWh	1,709,377	1,712,517	1,720,230	1,718,445	1,721,606	1,724,874	1,733,163	1,731,807	1,735,477	1,739,262	1,747,323	
BPUD Retail Renewable MWh	1,516,447	1,519,230	1,526,067	1,524,485	1,527,287	1,530,184	1,537,531	1,536,329	1,539,582	1,542,937	1,550,083	
BPUD Retail Non-emitting MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240	
BPUD Retail Unspecified MWh	96,432	96,610	97,048	96,947	97,126	97,312	97,782	97,705	97,913	98,128	98,586	
BPUD Retail Hydro MWh	1,505,221	1,507,984	1,514,770	1,513,200	1,515,980	1,518,856	1,526,148	1,524,955	1,528,184	1,531,514	1,538,607	
BPUD Retail Wind MWh	11,226	11,246	11,297	11,286	11,306	11,328	11,383	11,374	11,398	11,423	11,476	
BPUD Retail Nuclear MWh	192,930	193,287	194,163	193,960	194,319	194,690	195,632	195,478	195,894	196,324	197,240	
BPUD Wholesale Total MWh	1,862,331	1,865,752	1,874,158	1,872,214	1,875,658	1,879,220	1,888,253	1,886,775	1,890,776	1,894,901	1,903,686	
BPUD Wholesale BPA MWh	1,851,266	1,854,687	1,863,093	1,861,149	1,864,593	1,868,155	1,877,188	1,875,710	1,879,711	1,883,836	1,892,621	
BPUD Wholesale Packwood MWh	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	11,065	
BPUD Wholesale BPA %	99.406%	99.407%	99.410%	99.409%	99.410%	99.411%	99.414%	99.414%	99.415%	99.416%	99.419%	
BPUD Wholesale Packwood %	0.594%	0.593%	0.590%	0.591%	0.590%	0.589%	0.586%	0.586%	0.585%	0.584%	0.581%	
BPA Non-Clean %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	
BPA Clean %	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	94.628%	
BPA Unspecified %	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	5.372%	
BPA Hydro %	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	83.255%	
BPA Wind %	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	0.625%	
BPA Nuclear %	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	10.748%	



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Setting Public Hearing for public input on the 2026 Resource Plan	
Authored by:	Blake Scherer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Blake Scherer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager/Asst GM
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<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Contract/Change Order <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Letter / Document <input type="checkbox"/> Decision / Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only/Possible Action <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Included	

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion setting a Public Hearing for the purpose of public input on the 2026 Resource Plan on Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., to be held at the District’s Administration Office located at 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington, as well as via conference call at 1-323-553-2644, conference ID 359 861 969#, and directing the General Manager to publish the notice of the public hearing date, time and location.

Background/Summary

Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapter 19.280 requires electric utilities to prepare resource plans every two years. The RCW requires the Commission to encourage participation of its consumers in development of the plans and to approve the plans after it has provided public notice and hearing. The public may refer to the District’s [Resource Plan development webpage](#) for the latest information and to provide input.¹

Today’s motion is to set the date and time for the last of three public hearings the District has planned to allow for customers and interested stakeholders to provide input. All meetings will include a virtual and phone option in addition to in-person attendance. The proposed public hearing schedule is shown below:

1. 9 a.m., Tuesday, May 12, 2026: Public Hearing #1 – Introduction
2. 9 a.m., Tuesday, June 9, 2026: Public Hearing #2 – Draft review
3. **9 a.m., Tuesday, July 14, 2026: Public Hearing #3 – Final approval ***Today’s motion to set*****

Recommendation

Recommend setting a public hearing to provide an opportunity for customers and interested stakeholders to provide input to the District during the development of, and prior to the adoption of, the 2026 Resource Plan.

¹ Benton PUD’s Resource Plan development webpage: <https://www.bentonpud.org/resource-plan>

Fiscal Impact

N/A

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON CO., WA.

TREASURER'S REPORT TO COMMISSION FOR MAY 2026

Jun 1, 2026

Final

REVENUE FUND:

	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
05/01/26 Cash Balance			\$ 3,048,036.25
Collections	\$ 10,845,970.04		
Bank Interest Earned	5,054.19		
Investments Matured	9,507,245.77		
Miscellaneous - BAB's Subsidy	-		
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	-		
EFT Taxes		\$ 819,012.04	
Checks Paid		345,261.75	
Debt Service to Unrestricted		-	
Debt Service to Restricted		508,285.77	
Investments Purchased		4,093,194.21	
Deferred Compensation		210,748.18	
Department of Retirement Systems		177,893.83	
Special Fund-Construction Funds		-	
Purchased Power		7,110,917.52	
Direct Deposit - Payroll & AP		5,473,319.89	
Credit Card Fees		36,840.10	
Miscellaneous - CCA Bid Guarantee & Purchase Interest		1,200,500.69	
Sub-total	<u>\$ 20,358,270.00</u>	<u>\$ 19,975,973.98</u>	
05/31/26 Cash Balance			\$ 3,430,332.27

	<u>Balance</u> <u>05/01/26</u>	<u>Purchased</u>	<u>Matured</u>	<u>LGIP Interest</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>05/31/26</u>
Investment Activity	\$44,130,194.23	4,505,805.77	9,507,245.77	\$95,674.21	\$39,224,428.44

	<u>Balance</u> <u>05/01/26</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Cancelled*</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>05/31/26</u>
Check Activity	\$195,324.36	\$243,016.09	\$345,261.75	\$1,805.11	\$91,273.59

Unrestricted Reserves:	<u>05/01/26</u>	<u>05/31/26</u>	<u>Change</u>
Minimum Operating Reserves (90 DCOH) Incl. RSA ⁽¹⁾	\$ 33,509,520.00	\$ 33,509,520.00	\$ -
Designated Reserves (Customer Deposits Account)	1,900,000.00	1,900,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Power Market Volatility Account)	5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	-
Designated Reserves (Special Capital Account)	4,986,027.87	4,986,027.87	-
Undesignated Reserves (Climate Commitment Act)	3,626,558.84	3,626,558.84	-
Undesignated Reserves (DCOH -21 days) ⁽²⁾	(3,308,876.23)	(8,340,631.77)	(5,031,755.54)
Unrestricted Reserves Total	\$ 45,713,230.48	\$ 40,681,474.94	\$ (5,031,755.54)
DCOH - Beginning and Ending of Month	123	109	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Unrestricted \$43.3M)	117	117	
DCOH - Year-end Projection (Construction \$22.2M)	59	59	
Restricted Reserves:			
Bond Redemption Accounts	1,465,000.01	1,973,285.78	508,285.77
Construction Account	0.00	0.00	-
Restricted Reserves Total	1,465,000.01	1,973,285.78	508,285.77
TOTAL RESERVES	\$ 47,178,230.49	\$ 42,654,760.72	\$ (4,523,469.77)

(1) RSA (Rate Stabilization Account): \$7,500,000.00

(2) Undesignated Reserves are periodically reviewed to reallocate to the Designated Reserve accounts

Prepared by: Keith Mercer
Keith Mercer, Treasurer

Certified by: Jon Meyer
Jon Meyer, Auditor

CASH & INVESTMENTS SUMMARY

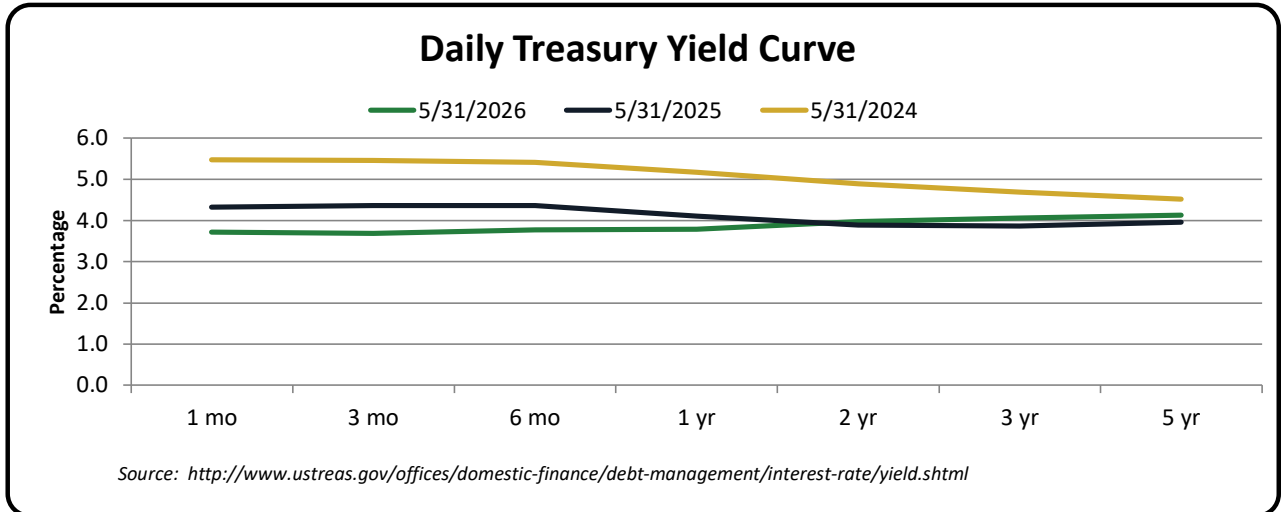
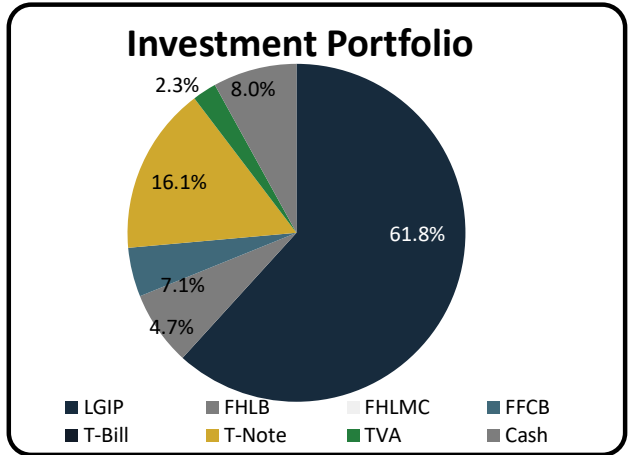
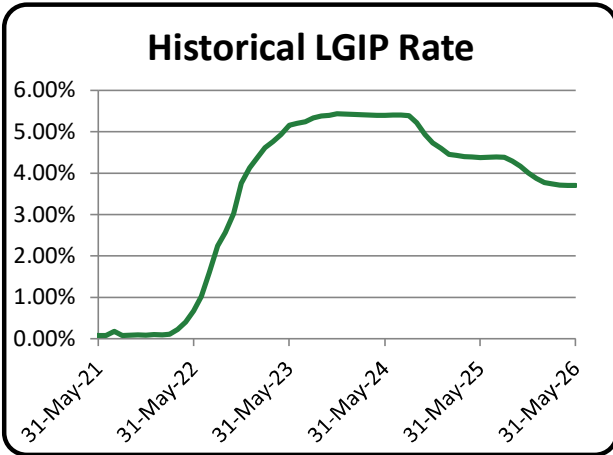
as of May 31, 2026

Average Days to Maturity	126	Investments see below*	12,881,697
		LGIP**	26,342,733
Average Weighted Yield	3.738%	TOTAL INVESTMENTS	39,224,429
		CASH	3,430,332
		TOTAL CASH & INVESTMENTS	\$ 42,654,761

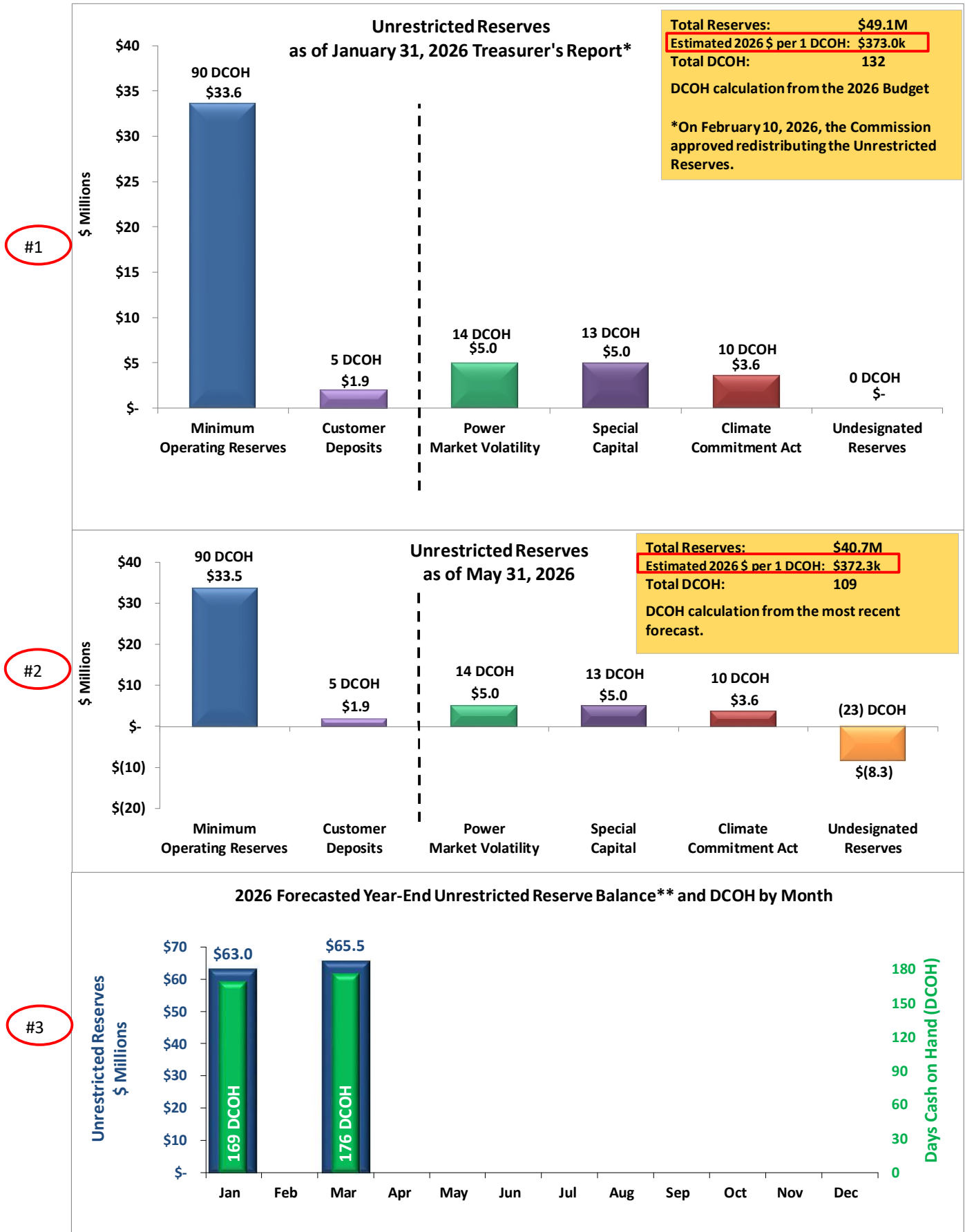
* Held in custody at Principal Financial Group
 ** Local Government Investment Pool

		Investments by Type and Maturity																																			
		2026												2027												2028											
Amount	Type	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
956,160	-T-Note	4.21%																																			
944,590	-T-Note	4.28%																																			
949,500	-T-Note	4.24%																																			
1,009,810	-FHLB	3.95%																																			
982,270	-TVA	3.96%																																			
986,040	-T-Note	3.56%																																			
1,013,660	-T-Note	3.55%																																			
1,002,750	-FFCB	3.43%																																			
1,057,177	-FHLB	3.40%																																			
979,460	-FHLB	3.77%																																			
1,002,500	-FFCB	3.74%																																			
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997,520	-T-Note	3.88%																																			

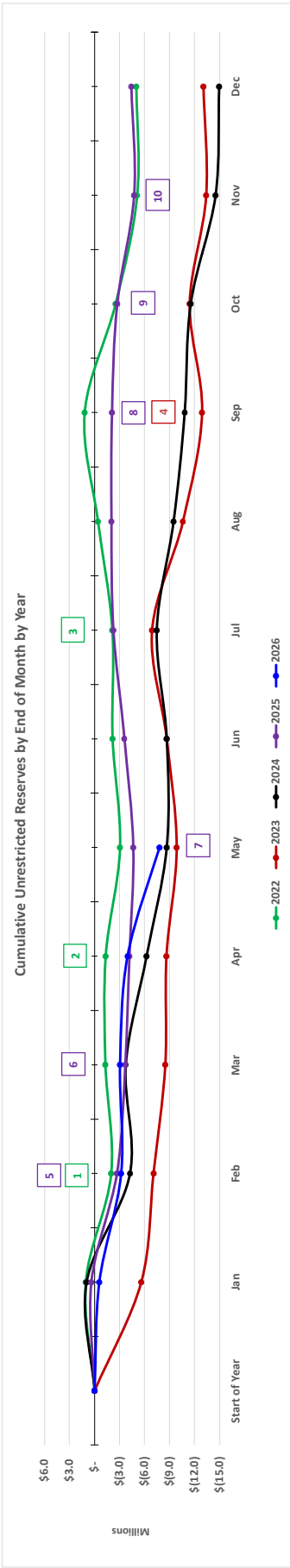
*Callable



Unrestricted Reserves and Days Cash on Hand (DCOH)



**Includes proceeds from the planned 2026 bond issuance, including amounts allocated to the Construction Account.



Note: Any money disbursed for a bid guarantee, received from the Climate Commitment Act auction proceeds, or received from issuing bonds was removed for comparison purposes (i.e. 2023 bond issue).

Other Notable Information:

Weather can play a major factor with customer loads (retail revenue) that can ultimately increase or decrease the District's Unrestricted Reserves.

1. (2022 - February) Adjusted balance down ~\$6.3 million for January BPA invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
2. (2022 - April) Adjusted balance down ~\$5.7 million for March BPA invoices that were paid in May due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in April.
3. (2022 - July) Adjusted balance down ~\$4.3 million for June BPA Power invoice that was paid in August due to timing of when the invoice was issued. This invoice is typically paid in July.
4. (2023 - September) Adjusted balance down ~\$5.3 million for August BPA power and transmission invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices would typically pay in September.
5. (2025 - February) Adjusted balance down ~\$5.3 million for January BPA invoices that were paid in March due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in February.
6. (2025 - March) Adjusted balance down ~\$6.5 million for February BPA invoices that were paid in April due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in March.
7. (2025 - May) Adjusted balance down ~\$5.4 million for April BPA invoices that were paid in June due to timing of when the invoices were issued. These invoices are typically paid in May.
8. (2025 - September) Adjusted balance down ~\$10.0 million for August BPA invoices that were paid in October due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in September.
9. (2025 - October) Adjusted balance down ~\$7.2 million for September BPA invoices that were paid in November due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in October.
10. (2025 - November) Adjusted balance down ~\$5.5 million for October BPA invoices that were paid in December due to timing of when the invoice was issued. These invoices are typically paid in November.

MINUTES

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING

Date: May 26, 2026

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: 2721 West 10th Avenue, Kennewick, Washington

Present: Commissioner Jeff Hall, President
Commissioner Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President
Commissioner Mike Massey, Secretary
General Manager Rick Dunn
Assistant General Manager/Sr. Director Engineering & Operations Steve Hunter
Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer
Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta
Director of IT & Broadband Services Jennifer Holbrook
Director of Human Resources & Communications Karen Dunlap
Director of Conservation & Distributed Energy Resources Chris Johnson
Director of Customer Service and Treasury Keith Mercer
Director of Engineering Evan Edwards
Supervisor of Executive Administration/Clerk of the Board Cami McKenzie
Records Program Administrator II Nykki Drake
General Counsel Allyson Dahlhauser

Benton PUD employees present during all or a portion of the meeting, either in person or virtually: Blake Scherer, Manager of Power Supply & Transmission Service; Duane Szendre, Superintendent of Operations; Eric Dahl, Communications Specialist II; Jenny Sparks, Manager of Communications & Customer Engagement; Jodi Henderson, Manager of Government & Community Relations; Katie Grandgeorge, Financial Analyst III; Kent Zirker, Manager of Accounting; Levi Lanphear, Procurement Administrator; Michelle Ness, Supervisor of Distribution Design; Michelle Ochweri, Manager of Procurement; Robert Frost, Supervisor of Energy Programs; Shanna Everson, Distribution Designer; Shannon Sensibaugh, Administrative Assistant, II; Tyson Brown, Procurement Specialist II; Zach Underhill, Distribution Designer; Shawn Harper, Superintendent of Support Services; Jessie Grad, Assistant Superintendent of Transmission & Distribution.

Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance

The Commission and those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Review

An executive session to discuss potential litigation was added to the agenda.

Public Comment

None.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve the Consent Agenda items “a” through “d”. Commissioner Massey seconded and upon vote, the Commission unanimously approved the following:

- a. Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026
- b. Travel Report dated May 26, 2026
- c. Job Report – Work Orders up to \$100,000
- d. Vouchers (report dated May 26, 2026) audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified as required by RCW 42.24.090, have been recorded on a listing made available to the Commission and approved as follows for payment:
Accounts Payable: Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments: 114879-114956 in the amount of \$1,963,690.88.
Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK): 92115-92212 in the amount of \$189,401.66;
Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments: 7595-7606 in the amount of \$603,866.02;
Residential Conservation Rebates: Credits on Customer Accounts in the amount \$920.00;
Payroll: Direct Deposit – 5/7/2026: 114725-114878 in the amount \$514,149.14;
Void DD (May, 2026) in the amount of \$1,915.21;
Voided checks (May, 2026) in the amount of \$317.46;
Grand total - \$3,272,027.70

Management Report

IT/Broadband – Director Jennifer Holbrook

1. NoaNet Update - BEAD Funding

Director Holbrook reported that NoaNet received approval for BEAD (Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment) funding, a federal grant program focused on expanding broadband access to unserved and underserved areas. NoaNet was awarded approximately \$174 million to support approximately 36,000 broadband projects. The buildout timeline is four years, and NoaNet has appointed a senior manager to assist with implementation and expenditure oversight.

2. NoaNet - Colville Tribe Update

Director Holbrook stated that, as of today, the Colville Tribe has not yet accepted its invitation to join NoaNet. The deadline for acceptance is May 28. If the Tribe does not take action during its board meeting tomorrow and misses the deadline, the NoaNet Member Representatives may need to vote on extending the invitation.

3. NoaNet - Member Representative Transition

Director Holbrook discussed the upcoming transition of the NoaNet member representative position due to Commissioner Hall’s decision not to seek re-election. The

role may be filled by either a staff member or a commissioner. Commissioner Sanders and Commissioner Massey indicated they would each attend a meeting before making a decision regarding their interest in serving.

Chief Financial Officer - Jon Meyer

1. Financial Report

Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer provided the Commission with a financial report for April 2026.

2. CCA Auction Participation (Climate Commitment Act)

CFO Meyer explained that under the Climate Commitment Act (CCA), utilities must purchase carbon allowances for compliance purposes, while excess allowances may be sold. Benton PUD initially received more allowances than required and generated approximately \$3.6 million in revenue through allowance sales. Mr. Meyer further reported that the Washington Department of Ecology later revised its allocation methodology and reduced future allowance allocations, resulting in a projected deficit position for Benton PUD and a need to buy allowances. Due to this change, Benton PUD now anticipates using previous allowance revenue to buy back allowances and paused on making a decision regarding how to spend any net allowance revenue. Upcoming auctions include 2026 and 2029 vintage allowances. Previous auctions of future vintage allowances have settled at a significant discount, approximately half the cost of current compliance-year allowances. Benton PUD plans to participate in the next auction and bid on 2029 vintage allowances. Auction results are expected the day following the next Commission meeting.

General Manager – Rick Dunn

1. WTA & WSAC Presentation Highlights

General Manager Rick Dunn reviewed highlights from presentations he will be giving to the Washington Trucking Association and Washington State Association of Counties regarding state energy policy impacts and concerns regarding increasing data center electricity demand respectively. General Manager Dunn noted that the WTA presentation focuses on how out of touch with reality Washington energy policies are, and how financial and ecological costs of the Clean Energy Transformation Act and Climate Commitment Act will do nothing measurable to impact global climate. General Manager Dunn further explained that the WSAC presentation focuses on the rapid growth of data centers and artificial intelligence (AI) power demands across the country and the concerns that are mounting in the Pacific Northwest.

Business Agenda

2026 Energy Independence Act Compliance Reports

Director Chris Johnson reviewed Benton PUD’s 2026 Energy Independence Act (EIA) Renewable Energy and Conservation Compliance Reports prepared for submittal to the Washington State

Department of Commerce. He explained that the District is required to annually demonstrate compliance with state renewable energy and conservation requirements by June 1.

Director Johnson reported the District's 2026 renewable energy requirement target is 30.71 aMW, or 269,006 MWh, and that existing Renewable Energy Credit (REC) contracts are sufficient to meet the District's 15% renewable energy requirement. He also reported the District's conservation report for 2024-2025 biennium met and exceeded the District's 1.11 aMW target by 0.52 aMW.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to adopt substantially in the form presented, Benton PUD's 2026 Energy Independence Act (EIA) Renewable Energy and Conservation compliance reports for submittal to the Washington State Department of Commerce. Commissioner Massey seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

2026 Retail Load Forecast for 2026-2036 – Resolution No. 2726

Manager Blake Scherer presented the District's updated 2026 Load Forecast for 2026–2036, explaining that the forecast is revised annually and is used to support the District's financial planning, including cost of service analysis, the Resource Plan, the Power Supply Plan, the Five-Year Capital plan, and the annual budget. The forecast supports Bonneville Power Administration planning and the regional load forecast prepared by Pacific Northwest Utilities Conference Committee.

Manager Scherer emphasized that Benton PUD's projected growth does not reflect the significant regional load growth currently being discussed in the media, noting the District does not serve large data centers or high-tech manufacturing loads.

Manager Scherer reviewed key forecast assumptions and trends, including projected annual retail load growth from 205.7 aMW in 2027 to 209.1 aMW in 2036, continued residential customer growth, conservation impacts, and electricity intensive load considerations. He also discussed forecast methodology, conservation assumptions, system losses, and projected growth across multiple customer classes.

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved to approve Resolution No. 2726 adopting the 2026 Load Forecast for 2026-2036, as presented. Commissioner Massey seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Contract Recommendation - Federal Engineering, Inc. - Contract #26-20-03

Director Holbrook presented a contract recommendation for consulting and engineering services associated with the District's private LTE (pLTE) telecommunications modernization initiative.

Director Holbrook reviewed prior Benton PUD work completed by Federal Engineering, including telecommunications assessments, conceptual design, spectrum evaluation, and preliminary

engineering analysis for the Operational Technology Telecommunications Network initiative. Director Holbrook recommended continuing with Federal Engineering due to the firm's extensive familiarity with the District's existing infrastructure, proposed RF design, and long-term operational objectives.

The contract amount of \$255,000 was included in the District's 2026 Capital Plan and Federal Engineering will be ready to proceed starting June 1.

MOTION: Commissioner Massey moved to authorize the General Manager on behalf of the District to sign and award Contract #26-20-03 to Federal Engineering, Inc. for consulting & engineering services related to pLTE project in the amount of \$255,000.00, as presented. Commissioner Sanders seconded, and upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Commission briefly recessed, reconvening at 10:35 a.m.

Enterprise Risk Management Update

Director Keith Mercer provided an update regarding the District's Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) program, including the development and evolution of the program, current managed, emerging, and focused risks, and ongoing efforts supporting the District's strategic objectives and governance responsibilities.

Mr. Mercer reviewed the ERM process, risk categories, and the history of Benton PUD's ERM program, including periodic program reviews and recent updates to the District's online risk management tools and classifications.

The following emerging risks were discussed:

- Exposure of District and customer data using artificial intelligence tools.
- Increased regional blackout risk associated with resource adequacy and grid reliability concerns.

The following focused risks were also reviewed:

- Public injury or electrocution.
- Growth of distributed and customer generation.
- Enterprise physical security planning.
- Wildfire mitigation.
- Declining support for hydropower.
- Erosion of local control.
- Supply chain and inventory challenges.
- Communication failures during outages and system emergencies.

No action was requested by the Commission.

Future Planning

Commissioner Sanders requested information regarding the remaining NoaNet meetings. Shannon Sensibaugh will distribute the remaining meeting dates on Commissioner Sanders’ and Commissioner Massey’s calendars for review.

Meeting Reports

Commissioner Massey reported that he was elected to serve on the participants review board for Energy Northwest.

Executive Session – Potential Litigation

The Commission went into executive session at 10:25 a.m. for 10 minutes with Attorney Allyson Dahlhauser to discuss potential litigation. Also, present were General Manager Rick Dunn, Chief Operating Officer Chris Folta, Assistant General Manager Steve Hunter, Chief Financial Officer Jon Meyer, and Director Keith Mercer. The Commission came out of executive session at 11:35 a.m.

Adjournment

Hearing no objection, President Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

Jeff Hall, President

ATTEST:

Mike Massey, Secretary

Periodic Travel Report - June 9, 2026

<i>Date Start</i>	<i>Business Days</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>City</i>	<i>Purpose</i>
6/8/2026	2	Shawn Harper	Tacoma, WA	NWPPA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
6/8/2026	2	Duane Szendre	Tacoma, WA	NWPPA HAZARDOUS WASTE MANAGEMENT
6/24/2026	3	Jessie Grad	Leavenworth, WA	EAST-WEST SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING
6/24/2026	2	Chris Folta	Leavenworth, WA	EAST-WEST SUPERINTENDENTS MEETING
7/20/2026	4	Shawn Harper	Shelton, WA	2026 NWPPA UTILITY WAREHOUSING



PAYMENT APPROVAL
June 9, 2026

The vouchers presented on this Payment Approval Report for approval by the Board of Commissioners have been audited and certified by the auditing officer as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims by officers and employees have been certified as required by RCW 42.24.090.

Type of Payment	Starting #	Ending #	Page #	Amount
Accounts Payable:				
Automated Clearing House (DD) Payments	115115	- 115211	1 - 10	
		-		
		-		\$ 2,488,475.55
Checks & Customer Refund Payments (CHK)	92213	- 92281	11 - 14	
		-		
				\$ 53,614.43
Electronic Fund Transfer (WIRE) Payments	7607	- 7618	15 - 16	
				\$ 7,195,060.00
Residential Conservation Rebates:				
Credits on Customer Accounts			17	\$ 1,140.00
Purchase Card Detail:				
Payroll:				
Direct Deposit - 5/21/2026	114957	- 115114		\$ 514,149.14
		-		
		-		
TOTAL				\$ 10,252,439.12
Void DD		May 2026	1	\$ 295.04
Void Checks		May 2026	11	\$ 1,487.65
Void Wires				\$ -

I, the undersigned Auditor of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, do hereby certify under penalty of perjury that the materials have been furnished, the services rendered, or the labor performed as described, or that any advance payment is due and payable pursuant to a contract or is available as an option for full or partial fulfillment of a contractual obligation, and that the claims identified in this report are just, due and unpaid obligations against the District and that I am authorized to authenticate and certify to said claims.

Jon Meyer
Jon L. Meyer, Auditor

6/1/2026
Date

Reviewed by:

Approved by:

Rick Dunn, General Manager

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

Lori Kays-Sanders, Vice-President

Michael D. Massey, Secretary

Accounts Payable Check Register

05/17/2026 To 05/29/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
115115 5/20/26	DD	10864	ALAMON, INC.	Pole Inspection	64,513.69
115116 5/20/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Fuse T-Type, Kearney #51015	353.60
				Fuse T-Type, Kearney #51030	571.20
				Probe Kit for Load-Break Elbow	1,043.28
				CLAMP, DEADEND SHOE, AL, .198-	2,602.50
				PINS STEEL 6 1/2 SHANK #J204Z	2,789.63
				STAPLE GALV MOULDING	313.50
				Al Ext bar-Flat Bus Bar Stock	274.96
				CLAMP SUSPENSION HAS118-S	613.63
				Fuse, Bay-O-Net, Cooper, 10 A	2,246.72
				Fuse, Bay-O-Net, Cooper, 140 A	449.34
				Vacuum Breaker	34,862.90
Total for Check/Tran - 115116:					46,121.26
115117 5/20/26	DD	3828	BORDER STATES INDUSTRIES, INC.	Cable Sealing Kit	1,407.00
				Flat Washers	1,000.96
				Line Clamp	12,855.82
				Clamps	816.13
				Plug, PVC 2" Carlon # P258JT,	235.01
				Plug, PVC 3" Carlon #P258LT, K	279.08
				Plug, PVC 4" Carlon #P258NT,	368.18
				Plug, PVC 3" Carlon #P258LT, K	111.63
Total for Check/Tran - 115117:					17,073.81
115118 5/20/26	DD	3344	BOYD'S TREE SERVICE, LLC	Tree Trimming Svc	9,947.73
				Tree Trimming Svc	5,470.00
Total for Check/Tran - 115118:					15,417.73
115119 5/20/26	DD	10976	TYSON C BROWN	Tableau Conf 2026	295.04 VOID
115120 5/20/26	DD	1810	CARLSON SALES METERING SOLUTIO	Current Transformer, G.E., JCD	5,437.82
115121 5/20/26	DD	166	CENTURYLINK	Monthly billing	718.79

**Accounts Payable
Check Register**

05/17/2026 To 05/29/2026

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
115122 5/20/26	DD	3520	CI INFORMATION MANAGEMENT	Onsite Destruction	204.05
115123 5/20/26	DD	2680	CO-ENERGY	Fuel Svc	4,236.42
115124 5/20/26	DD	3820	COLEMAN OIL COMPANY, LLC	Fuel Svc	29,339.89
115125 5/20/26	DD	3167	COOPERATIVE RESPONSE CENTER, IN	CRCLink User Lic/Multispeak OMS	13,379.12
115126 5/20/26	DD	10896	CULLIGAN QUENCH	Water Monthly Billing	575.55
115127 5/20/26	DD	3029	DELTA HEATING & COOLING, INC.	Commercial Energy Efficiency Prg	600.00
115128 5/20/26	DD	10613	EIP COMMUNICATIONS I, LLC	Tower Rent - Badger Mt	0.09
				Tower Rent - Badger Mt	4,298.55
				Total for Check/Tran - 115128:	4,298.64
115129 5/20/26	DD	2898	ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	Professional Svc	696.00
115130 5/20/26	DD	11023	ELLERD, HULTGREN & DAHLHAUSE	Professional Svc	4,125.00
115131 5/20/26	DD	642	EVERGREEN FINANCIAL SERVICES, IN	Collection Svc	20.00
115132 5/20/26	DD	3130	GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.	NERC/WECC Compliance	540.00
115133 5/20/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	FIBER, DIELECTRIC SUPPORT, 0.5	1,609.37
				DE PREF SG 4 ACSR	306.82
				Total for Check/Tran - 115133:	1,916.19
115134 5/20/26	DD	3969	GPS INSIGHT, LLC	Device Monitoring	2,302.16
115135 5/20/26	DD	3232	JENNIFER M HOLBROOK	NoaNet	272.45
115136 5/20/26	DD	11167	HYUNDAI CORPORATION (USA)	Transformers	399,252.48
115137 5/20/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	Regulator	27,314.24
115138 5/20/26	DD	103	KENNEWICK, CITY OF	Monthly Billing	1,400.92
115139 5/20/26	DD	3644	LOOMIS	Safepoint Svc	1,599.93
				Drop Box/Kiosks	2,382.85

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115140 5/20/26	DD	800	MAC'S GARDEN CENTER	Tree replacement Prg	142.64
115141 5/20/26	DD	10301	KEITH A MERCER	Tuition Reimbursement	1,640.00
115142 5/20/26	DD	10563	MESSAGE TECHNOLOGIES, INC.	Monthly IVR/SMS Fees	-92.84
				Monthly IVR/SMS Fees	1,147.84
				Total for Check/Tran - 115139:	3,982.78
115143 5/20/26	DD	3821	NISC	Envelopes/Mails Svc/Print Svc/Postage	35,540.07
				Postage/Online Pymts/ACH	1,113.78
				Postage/Online Pymts/ACH	543.63
				Postage/Online Pymts/ACH	92.48
				Software License/Maintenance	9,073.30
				Software License/Maintenance	2,688.39
				Software License/Maintenance	4,032.57
				Software License/Maintenance	17,810.55
				Total for Check/Tran - 115143:	70,894.77
115144 5/20/26	DD	919	NOANET	Broadband Billing	15,779.28
				Broadband Billing	63,117.12
				Home Builders Association	1,474.54
				Transfer Game Farm Rd	655.90
				Co Location Kenn Verizon	1,460.00
				Meadows Hills Vet	2,583.45
				Paterson TX Pole Outage	9,211.04
				Total for Check/Tran - 115144:	94,281.33
115145 5/20/26	DD	10769	ONEBRIDGE BENEFITS INC.	Flex Spending Dependent Care	288.47
				Flex Spending Health Care	3,058.82
				Total for Check/Tran - 115145:	3,347.29
115146 5/20/26	DD	3162	ONLINE INFORMATION SERVICES, INC.	Online Utility Exchange	1,254.13

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115147 5/20/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing	310.54
115148 5/20/26	DD	585	PARADISE BOTTLED WATER CO.	Monthly Billing	362.30
				Monthly Billing	84.78
Total for Check/Tran - 115148:					447.08
115149 5/20/26	DD	1241	PARAMOUNT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	20 - Off-the-Dock Labor	691.11
			Edberg CPA		15.23
			Prior 4 Substation		1,826.84
			20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		1,595.50
			20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		3,078.11
			Empire Electric		5,119.58
			Empire Electric		663.41
			20 - Off-the-Dock Labor		1,183.05
Total for Check/Tran - 115149:					14,172.83
115150 5/20/26	DD	10212	QCL, INC.	Employee Drug Screening	110.00
115151 5/20/26	DD	142	ROGERS SURVEYING, INC. P.S.	Surveying Svc - Meals Rd	880.00
			Staking Svc - Jacobs Rd/Dallas Sub		58,000.00
Total for Check/Tran - 115151:					58,880.00
115152 5/20/26	DD	146	S&C ELECTRIC COMPANY	Power Fuse Parts	4,879.69
115153 5/20/26	DD	2277	LORIK SANDERS	WPUA Annual Conf	684.88
			Central WA Energy Summit		135.18
Total for Check/Tran - 115153:					820.06
115154 5/20/26	DD	1125	BLAKE J SCHERER	PPC/PNUCC Mtg	607.16
115155 5/20/26	DD	396	SD MYERS, LLC	Gas/Oil Testing	72.00
			Gas/Oil Testing		72.00
Total for Check/Tran - 115155:					144.00
115156 5/20/26	DD	10943	SEALX, LLC	Janitorial Svc	4,511.29
			Janitorial Svc		2,728.85

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				Janitorial Svc	1,722.86
Total for Check/Tran - 115156:					8,963.00
115157	5/20/26	DD 2154	SENSUS USA, INC.	Flxnt Monitoring/SAAS Fee/Alert Mgr/AEM	6,129.18
				Flxnt Monitoring/SAAS Fee/Alert Mgr/AEM	9,905.47
				Flxnt Monitoring/SAAS Fee/Alert Mgr/AEM	4,535.07
Total for Check/Tran - 115157:					20,569.72
115158	5/20/26	DD 10230	SMG-TRI CITIES, LLC	Advertising	2,520.00
				Advertising	720.00
Total for Check/Tran - 115158:					3,240.00
115159	5/20/26	DD 985	SPECTRUM PACIFIC WEST, LLC	Monthly Billing	608.97
				Monthly Billing	592.12
Total for Check/Tran - 115159:					1,201.09
115160	5/20/26	DD 945	SURVALENT TECHNOLOGY INC.	Alarm Management Training	14,307.20
115161	5/20/26	DD 3502	SYLVAN LEARNING CENTER	Employee Testing	25.00
115162	5/20/26	DD 11120	TELECOMMUNICATION UTILITY PROC	CLAMPS CINCH 2 IN	522.24
				CLAMPS CINCH 3 IN	626.69
				Glue Weld	8,930.30
Total for Check/Tran - 115162:					10,079.23
115163	5/20/26	DD 139	TOWNSQUARE MEDIA TRI CITIES	Advertising	3,281.00
115164	5/20/26	DD 1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing-Garner/Isakson	697.73
115165	5/20/26	DD 1048	UNITED WAY OF BENTON & FRANKLI	EE United Way Contribution	417.23
115166	5/20/26	DD 10154	US PAYMENTS, LLC	Paysite/Kiosk/Card Processing Fees	215.80
				Paysite/Kiosk/Card Processing Fees	1,538.50
Total for Check/Tran - 115166:					1,754.30
115167	5/20/26	DD 272	UTILITIES UNDERGROUND LOCATION	Underground Locate Svc	819.72
115168	5/20/26	DD 11192	MARIA G VEGA	NEEA Energy Efficiency Exchange 2026	687.43

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115169 5/20/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Weekly Svc	35.80
				Weekly Svc	38.14
				Weekly Svc	27.73
				Weekly Svc	36.22
				Weekly Svc	18.39
				Weekly Svc	18.39
				Weekly Svc	18.39
				Total for Check/Tran - 115169:	193.06
115170 5/20/26	DD	4235	WATER STREET PUBLIC AFFAIRS, LLC	Lobbying svc	6,500.00
115171 5/20/26	DD	11134	WELLABLE LLC	Pro Wellness Plan	350.00
115172 5/27/26	DD	11230	ALLIANCE 2020 INC	Background Screening	1,128.29
				Credit - Inv 5867943	-92.15
				Total for Check/Tran - 115172:	1,036.14
115173 5/27/26	DD	11121	AMB TOOLS, INC	Credit Inv Y344691	-235.99
				Equipment Maintenance	2,276.99
				Total for Check/Tran - 115173:	2,041.00
115174 5/27/26	DD	963	ANIXTER INC.	Molding Ground Wire	795.11
				CONNECTOR, XFR, LV SECONDARY /	400.00
				CONNECTOR, XFR, LV SECONDARY/	887.86
				Conn, LV, CMC#NSM500-6ASLIU	251.71
				Conn,LV,CMC # NSM5004ASLIUH,4	28.29
				Conn,LV,RL-S500-6SLIU 1" W/cover(100kVA)	132.84
				Total for Check/Tran - 115174:	2,495.81
115175 5/27/26	DD	34	BENTON PUD-ADVANCE TRAVEL	East/West Superintendent Mtg	81.60
				Alden Conf	101.69
				Total for Check/Tran - 115175:	183.29
115176 5/27/26	DD	10976	TYSON C BROWN	Tableau Conf 2026	295.04

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115177 5/27/26	DD	10630	CAMPBELL TRAINING SOLUTIONS, LL	Empowered Prg	630.00
115178 5/27/26	DD	1810	CARLSON SALES METERING SOLUTIO	Current Transformer	2,973.50
115179 5/27/26	DD	11241	COFFMAN ENGINEERS, INC.	Professional Svc	7,735.00
115180 5/27/26	DD	2972	COMPUNET, INC.	Software Subscription/Renewal	8,462.95
				Software Subscription	30,439.55
				Azure Monthly Billing	130.56
				Software Lic/Support	9,537.04
				Total for Check/Tran - 115180:	48,570.10
115181 5/27/26	DD	57	CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIB	ELBOW 90 3 IN PVC SCH 40 "Dura	1,218.56
115182 5/27/26	DD	11213	CTS	H2F Backbone Build	2,376.79
				H2F Backbone Build	291,282.06
				H2F Backbone Build	17,243.36
				Total for Check/Tran - 115182:	310,902.21
115183 5/27/26	DD	3439	DJ'S ELECTRICAL, INC.	Joint Use/NESC	5,836.58
				Joint Use/NESC	15,765.88
				Joint Use/NESC	55,404.60
				Cable Replacement	266,063.09
				Credit Inv260163	-1,128.24
				Joint Use/NESC	117,545.94
				Total for Check/Tran - 115183:	459,487.85
115184 5/27/26	DD	2776	DLT SOLUTIONS	AutoCAD	11,553.12
115185 5/27/26	DD	2990	KAREN M DUNLAP	NWPPA Annual Conf	1,073.80
115186 5/27/26	DD	2898	ELECTRICAL CONSULTANTS, INC.	Professional Svc	9,633.50
115187 5/27/26	DD	10810	GARY LEE AND ASSOCIATES, LLC	Joint Use Support	6,760.42
115188 5/27/26	DD	3130	GDS ASSOCIATES, INC.	NERC/WECC Compliance	270.00

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115189 5/27/26	DD	79	GENERAL PACIFIC, INC.	CUTOUT, 15 KV Splice Jackett	4,498.23 796.15
Total for Check/Tran - 115189:					5,294.38
115190 5/27/26	DD	3969	GPS INSIGHT, LLC	Device Monitoring	68.39
115191 5/27/26	DD	10420	HEALTH INVEST HRA TRUST	Monthly Fees	127.86
115192 5/27/26	DD	4207	INFORMATION FIRST, INC.	Content Mgr Monthly Billing	2,176.00
115193 5/27/26	DD	10660	IRBY ELECTRICAL UTILITIES	Regulator	27,314.24
115194 5/27/26	DD	10162	LINGUISTICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.	Interpreting Svc	40.97
115195 5/27/26	DD	209	M&M BOLT CO., LLC	3/8 x 3" Hex lag screw, galv. BOLTS SS 1/2 13X2 1/2 Nut, 1/2 "- 13, Hex, Bronze, D Material	487.42 2,828.80 848.64 3.83
Total for Check/Tran - 115195:					4,168.69
115196 5/27/26	DD	2015	NATIONAL METERING & TECHNICAL S	Service Meter Testing	18,018.00
115197 5/27/26	DD	2671	JAMIE-MARIE K OCAMPO-GUEL	Travel to Prosser - Work	94.25
115198 5/27/26	DD	120	OSMOSE UTILITIES SERVICES, INC.	O Calc Software Renewal	13,023.36
115199 5/27/26	DD	2176	PACIFIC OFFICE AUTOMATION, INC.	Monthly Billing Monthly Billing Monthly Billing Monthly Billing Monthly Billing	19.76 176.64 90.10 132.84 205.45
Total for Check/Tran - 115199:					624.79
115200 5/27/26	DD	10671	PRINCIPAL BANK	EE vision ER Vision EE Health ER Health	61.22 2,965.85 10,392.98 245,080.64

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				EE Dental	378.05
				ER Dental	17,584.41
Total for Check/Tran - 115200:					276,463.15
115201	5/27/26	DD 1161	PRINT PLUS	Benefits Fair Cards	188.21
115202	5/27/26	DD 10566	LANCE M PYLE	CDL License Reimbursement	136.00
115203	5/27/26	DD 10951	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Self Insured STD	183.75
115204	5/27/26	DD 10947	RELIANCE STANDARD LIFE INSURANC	Basic AD&D	172.67
				Basic Life	863.35
				Non Barg Basic AD&D	83.01
				Non Barg Basic Dep Life	78.65
				Non Barg Basic Life	1,104.03
				Supplemental AD&D - Child	8.70
				Supplemental AD&D - EE	567.30
				Supplemental AD&D - Spouse	222.15
				Supplemental Life - Child	52.02
				Supplemental Life - EE	2,254.50
				Supplemental Life - Spouse	442.45
				LTD Buy-Up	1,304.62
				LTD Core No Buy-Up	3,185.31
Total for Check/Tran - 115204:					10,338.76
115205	5/27/26	DD 396	SD MYERS, LLC	Gas/Oil Testing	408.00
115206	5/27/26	DD 2154	SENSUS USA, INC.	Meters	113,223.71
				Meters	113,223.71
				Meters	19,640.75
Total for Check/Tran - 115206:					246,088.17
115207	5/27/26	DD 2745	STELLA-JONES CORP.	Pole WRC	42,494.60
115208	5/27/26	DD 1163	TYNDALE ENTERPRISES, INC.	Clothing - Anderson	124.64

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115209 5/27/26	DD	11062	VESTIS SERVICES, LLC	Clothing-Faircloth	182.34
Total for Check/Tran - 115208:					306.98
115210 5/27/26	DD	1794	JEFFERY W VOSAHLO	Weekly Svc	35.80
				Weekly Svc	38.14
				Weekly Svc	36.22
				Weekly Svc	18.39
				Weekly Svc	27.73
Total for Check/Tran - 115209:					156.28
115211 5/27/26	DD	205	WASHINGTON STATE AUDITOR'S OFFI	Alden Conf	40.00
				Energy Compliance Attestation	57.03
				Energy Compliance Attestation	3,993.13
Total for Check/Tran - 115211:					4,050.16

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89400 12/18/24	CHK	99999	DEBORAH A HANER	Credit Balance Refund	1,100.00 VOID
89612 2/5/25	CHK	99999	PAYROZA MALANGYAR	Credit Balance Refund	137.65 VOID
90353 6/25/25	CHK	99999	LACEY WELCH	Credit Balance Refund	250.00 VOID
92213 5/20/26	CHK	3224	ALL SAFE PEST CONTROL	Pest Control	-0.29
				Pest Control	315.52
					Total for Check/Tran - 92213:
92214 5/20/26	CHK	2425	AT&T MOBILITY, LLC	Monthly Billing	5.45
92215 5/20/26	CHK	3819	BENTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT	Salmon Power in Schools	75.36
92216 5/20/26	CHK	379	PURMS JOINT SELF INSURANCE FUND	District Claim - Ridlon	250.00
92217 5/20/26	CHK	379	PURMS JOINT SELF INSURANCE FUND	AEGIS Cyber Policy	25,398.69
92218 5/20/26	CHK	992	VERIZON NORTHWEST	Monthly Billing	2,915.73
92219 5/20/26	CHK	99999	ADA B ADAMS	Credit Balance Refund	625.00
92220 5/20/26	CHK	99999	PAUL ARNOLD	Credit Balance Refund	900.00
92221 5/20/26	CHK	99999	ASHLEY J BALDWIN	Credit Balance Refund	14.76
92222 5/20/26	CHK	99999	CHRIS L BARTHOLOMEW	Credit Balance Refund	475.00
92223 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MARK BOWDOIN	Credit Balance Refund	600.00
92224 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MIKE T CAIN	Credit Balance Refund	300.00
92225 5/20/26	CHK	99999	BESSIE M CARLSON	Credit Balance Refund	350.00
92226 5/20/26	CHK	99999	CHRISTIAN LIFE FELLOWSHIP	Credit Balance Refund	800.00
92227 5/20/26	CHK	99999	SARAH COLLINS	Credit Balance Refund	550.00
92228 5/20/26	CHK	99999	GILBERT I DIAZ	Credit Balance Refund	35.05

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92229 5/20/26	CHK	99999	REGINA L DUARTE	Credit Balance Refund	500.00
92230 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JODIE L ELSASSER	Credit Balance Refund	214.05
92231 5/20/26	CHK	99999	GREG L FARNWORTH	Credit Balance Refund	350.00
92232 5/20/26	CHK	99999	TERRAL G FINGER	Credit Balance Refund	550.00
92233 5/20/26	CHK	99999	SUSAN FITZHUGH	Credit Balance Refund	600.00
92234 5/20/26	CHK	99999	GILBERTO M GARCIA	Credit Balance Refund	650.00
92235 5/20/26	CHK	99999	SAMANDA L GOHMAN	Credit Balance Refund	975.00
92236 5/20/26	CHK	99999	KATIE HADA	Credit Balance Refund	105.32
92237 5/20/26	CHK	99999	DEBORAH A HANER	Credit Balance Refund	1,100.00
92238 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JAMES R HART	Credit Balance Refund	350.00
92239 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JESSICA JENKINS	Credit Balance Refund	248.57
92240 5/20/26	CHK	99999	SHANNON J JEWELL	Credit Balance Refund	400.00
92241 5/20/26	CHK	99999	CHRISTINE KEDISH	Credit Balance Refund	19.44
92242 5/20/26	CHK	99999	ALICIA M MADRANO	Credit Balance Refund	284.93
92243 5/20/26	CHK	99999	FRANCISCO A MARES	Credit Balance Refund	186.00
92244 5/20/26	CHK	99999	DENNIS C MILLER	Credit Balance Refund	325.00
92245 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MARIO MIRANDA JR	Credit Balance Refund	475.00
92246 5/20/26	CHK	99999	TED MOLEFF	Credit Balance Refund	350.00
92247 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MUGISHA MUHIRE	Credit Balance Refund	47.40
92248 5/20/26	CHK	99999	GREGORY D PAUL	Credit Balance Refund	325.00
92249 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MARIA T PEREZ	Credit Balance Refund	350.00

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92250 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JULIE A PICKETT	Credit Balance Refund	418.89
92251 5/20/26	CHK	99999	PAUL PORTER	Credit Balance Refund	805.74
92252 5/20/26	CHK	99999	EDNA C PUCKETT	Credit Balance Refund	600.00
92253 5/20/26	CHK	99999	PAUL C PURDY	Credit Balance Refund	102.01
92254 5/20/26	CHK	99999	INOCENCIA SANCHEZ	Credit Balance Refund	450.00
92255 5/20/26	CHK	99999	SAMANTHA M SAUNDERS	Credit Balance Refund	7.64
92256 5/20/26	CHK	99999	EDWARD L STANTON	Credit Balance Refund	28.82
92257 5/20/26	CHK	99999	PHILLIP W SUTLIFF	Credit Balance Refund	425.00
92258 5/20/26	CHK	99999	TAQUERIA TACATRINA LLC	Credit Balance Refund	750.00
92259 5/20/26	CHK	99999	DAVID L TUBBS	Credit Balance Refund	425.00
92260 5/20/26	CHK	99999	WALLACE H WALTERS	Credit Balance Refund	251.50
92261 5/20/26	CHK	99999	MATTHEW WARE	Credit Balance Refund	300.00
92262 5/20/26	CHK	99999	CHRISTA WARRINGTON	Credit Balance Refund	475.00
92263 5/20/26	CHK	99999	DEBRA C WASHAM	Credit Balance Refund	450.00
92264 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JERALD WEHR	Credit Balance Refund	275.00
92265 5/20/26	CHK	99999	JANICE M WORKMAN	Credit Balance Refund	475.00
92266 5/27/26	CHK	39	BENTON COUNTY	County GIS Prints	43.00
92267 5/27/26	CHK	259	BENTON FRANKLIN COMMUNITY ACT	Helping Hands	2,738.03
92268 5/27/26	CHK	35	BENTON PUD - CUSTOMER ACCOUNT	Monthly Billing	351.33
92269 5/27/26	CHK	2831	CORRECTIONAL INDUSTRIES	Office Chair	707.20

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92270 5/27/26	CHK	243	FEDERAL EXPRESS CORP	Mailing Svc	39.53
92271 5/27/26	CHK	99999	NICOLE V ALI BURGOS	Credit Balance Refund	90.76
92272 5/27/26	CHK	99999	AUGUST D ANDERSON	Credit Balance Refund	108.00
92273 5/27/26	CHK	99999	HALL RENTALS	Credit Balance Refund	75.51
92274 5/27/26	CHK	99999	MIGUEL MADRIGAL ALVAREZ	Credit Balance Refund	96.09
92275 5/27/26	CHK	99999	PAYROZA MALANGYAR	Credit Balance Refund	137.65
92276 5/27/26	CHK	99999	DAVID PENA GARZA	Credit Balance Refund	40.63
92277 5/27/26	CHK	99999	ERNEST E PIERCE	Credit Balance Refund	260.82
92278 5/27/26	CHK	99999	JUAN POSADA LOPEZ	Credit Balance Refund	254.79
92279 5/27/26	CHK	99999	PROSSER-IFP LLC	Credit Balance Refund	45.89
92280 5/27/26	CHK	99999	LACEY WELCH	Credit Balance Refund	250.00
92281 5/27/26	CHK	99999	ASHLEIGH WETMORE	Credit Balance Refund	119.62

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7607 5/15/26	WIRE	2570	THE ENERGY AUTHORITY, INC.	Purchased Power	34,096.18
7608 5/15/26	WIRE	436	BANK OF AMERICA	Banking Fees	1,375.59
7611 5/20/26	WIRE	169	ENERGY NORTHWEST	Purchased Power	146,534.01
7612 5/20/26	WIRE	2902	WHITE CREEK WIND I, LLC	Purchased Power	5,353.00
7613 5/21/26	WIRE	2205	UNITED STATES TREASURY	Federal Income Tax	93,593.73
				Medicare - Employer	11,437.56
				Medicare - Employer	11,437.56
				Social Security - Employee	48,905.16
				Social Security - Employer	48,905.16
				Total for Check/Tran - 7613:	214,279.17
7614 5/21/26	WIRE	171	WASH STATE DEPT RETIREMENT SYS	ER PERS	43,930.05
				PERS Plan 2	39,218.04
				PERS Plan 3A 5% All Ages	1,525.58
				PERS Plan 3B 5% Up to Age 35	392.94
				PERS Plan 3B 6% Age 35-45	172.80
				PERS Plan 3E 10% All Ages	1,706.74
				Total for Check/Tran - 7614:	86,946.15
7615 5/22/26	WIRE	1567	MISSIONSQUARE RETIREMENT	457(b) Leave EE Contribution	1,527.39
				457(b) Roth EE Contribution	25,106.72
				ER Def Comp 401	22,824.16
				ER Def Comp 457	3,403.86
				Plan A 457(b) Employee Contribution	5,605.19
				Plan B 457(b) Employee Contribution	19,384.81
				Plan C 401(a) Option 1 EE Contribution	3,738.83
				Plan C 401(a) Option 2 EE Contribution	2,636.95
				Plan C 401(a) Option 3 EE Contribution	620.38
				Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 1 EE Contri	133.60
				Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 2 EE Contri	1,184.78

Accounts Payable Check Register

ALL

Bank Account: 1 - Benton PUD ACH/Wire

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
				Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 3 EE Contri	2,644.77
				Plan C 401(a) Option 4, Step 4 EE Contri	1,396.68
				Plan C 401(a) Option 5, Step 4 EE Contri	1,567.84
				Plan C 457(b) Employee Contribution	5,751.27
				Pre-Retire 457(b) Employee Contribution	1,884.62
				457 EE Loan Repayment #1	3,862.59
				457 EE Loan Repayment #2	679.39
				457 EE Loan Repayment #3	57.03
				457 EE Loan Repayment #4	71.97
				457 EE Loan Repayment #5	96.34
Total for Check/Tran - 7615:					104,179.17
7617 5/27/26	WIRE	424	WASH STATE DEPT REVENUE-EXCISE	Utility Tax	351,074.29
				Use Tax	4,481.76
				Retailing & Wholesaling Tax	972.79
				Retail Sales Tax - Kennewick	19.73
				Service Tax	16,808.16
Total for Check/Tran - 7617:					373,356.73
7618 5/27/26	WIRE	246	BONNEVILLE POWER ADMIN	Purchased Power	6,228,940.00
Total for Bank Account - 1 :					(9)
Grand Total :					(9)




BENTON PUD - RESIDENTIAL CONSERVATION REBATE DETAIL

<u>Date</u>	<u>Customer</u>	<u>Rebate Amount</u>	<u>Rebate Description</u>
05/14/2026	LEE DAROSS	\$ 30.00	Rebate - Washer
05/21/2026	KENNETH L COOLEY	\$ 30.00	Rebate - Washer
05/21/2026	HEINZ SCHULZ	\$ 30.00	Rebate - Washer
05/21/2026	PAUL N STALEY	\$ 50.00	Rebate - Dryer
05/21/2026	KENNETH L COOLEY	\$ 50.00	Rebate - Dryer
05/21/2026	HEINZ SCHULZ	\$ 50.00	Rebate - Dryer
05/21/2026	RYAN MELVILLE	\$ 900.00	Rebate - Heat Pump Water Heater

\$ 1,140.00



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Work Order 693637 – Red Tail Apartments	
Authored by:	Tina Glines	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ness	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Even Edwards	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager/Asst GM
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion approving work order 693637 to serve Red Tail Apartments development.

Background/Summary

Developer requested underground electric facilities necessary to serve 15 apartment buildings, totaling 300 units, to be developed north of Bob Olson Parkway in Kennewick WA. The construction of underground electric facilities is necessary for the developer to prepare the land for development.

Recommendation

Approval of work order 693637 will authorize the construction of underground electric facilities necessary to serve 300 apartments unit and meet the initial request for electric service by the developer of the Red Tail Apartments development.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated project cost is \$102,565.79. The developer contribution in aid to construction (CIAC) is \$95,289.83. The District will provide a line extension credit for transformer expenses of \$4,528.76 and cover the estimated travel expenses of \$2,747.20. District costs not paid by the developer are accounted for in the Customer Base Growth portion of the annual budget.

Projects to be Presented at the Benton PUD

Commission Meeting On

June 9, 2026

Project Name: Red Tail Apartments

WO#: 693637

Location: North of Bob Olson Parkway, West of Sherman Street


Justification: Developer request to develop land and install power facilities.

Location Map





COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Contract recommendation – Southern Electrical Equipment Company, Inc. (SEECO) – 115kV – Switches - Bid #26-21-08	
Authored by:	Camron Smith	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Evan Edwards	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Chris Folta	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion authorizing the General Manager on behalf of the District to award and sign Contract #26-21-08 for 115kV Switches, to Southern Electrical Equipment Company, Inc. (SEECO) in the amount of \$301,296.13 plus Washington State sales tax in accordance with RCW 54-04-080.

Background/Summary

Bids for the procurement of six 115kV switches were opened Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at 3:00 p.m. A total of 3 bids were received, as shown in the table below. After reviewing the bids, the recommended selections are based on the total price and delivery timelines that best meet the District’s project schedule and operational needs.

Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Delivery	Total Price	Engineer’s Estimate	Engineer’s Estimate +15%
SEECO	See attachment #1 for Switch descriptions	10-14 wks	\$301,296.13	\$298,065.62	\$342,775.46
General Pacific/Cleveland Price		86-88 wks	\$382,305.00		
Carlson/Pascor*		52-54 wks	\$453,435.00		

* Carlson/Pascor has a \$1200 truckload shipping cost per 2 switches and is reflected in total price.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the District award the line items as indicated. Placing this order for 115kV Switches ensures that the District will have Inventory on hand for the projects in design and planned for late in 2026.

Fiscal Impact

The 2026 Capital Budget includes \$399,172.00 for transmission switch additions/upgrades. The 115kV switches included in this recommendation are \$301,296.13 plus sales tax.

Attachment #1

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
1	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, North Prior-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	52-54 wks	\$89,965.00	\$54,790.47
1	SEECO	Switch, North Prior-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	10-14 wks	\$52,736.31	
1	Gen Pac / Cleveland Price	Switch, North Prior-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	86-88 wks	\$73,019.00	

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
2	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, South Prior, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, Whip & Horns	1	52-54wks	\$23,221.00	\$33,645.13
2	SEECO	Switch, South Prior, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, Whip & Horns	1	10-14 wks	\$37,664.29	
2	General Pacific / Cleveland Price	Switch, South Prior, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, Whip & Horns	1	86-88 wks	\$37,566.00	

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
3	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, BC190-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	52-54 wks	\$89,965.00	\$54,790.47
3	SEECO	Switch, BC190-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	10-14 wks	\$52,763.31	
3	General Pacific / Cleveland Price	Switch, BC190-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whip	1	86-88 wks	\$73,019.00	

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
4	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, H2F1 River-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 2 bottles, Horns & Whip	1	52-54 wks	\$66,754.00	\$45,258.61
4	SEECO	Switch, H2F1 River-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 2 bottles, Horns & Whip	1	10-14 wks	\$52,701.74	
4	General Pacific / Cleveland Price	Switch, H2F1 River-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 2 bottles, Horns & Whip	1	86-88 wks	\$52,663.00	

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
5	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, Sandpiper-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	52-54 wks	\$89,965.00	\$54,790.47
5	SEECO	Switch, Sandpiper-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	10-14 wks	\$52,701.74	
5	General Pacific / Cleveland Price	Switch, Sandpiper-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	86-88 wks	\$73,019.00	

Item	Manufacturer / Vendor	Description	Quantity	Delivery	Unit Price	Engineer's Estimate (\$/Unit)
6	Carlson / Pascor	Switch, Whitcomb-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	52-54 wks	\$89,965.00	\$54,790.47
6	SEECO	Switch, Whitcomb-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	10-14 wks	\$52,701.74	
6	General Pacific / Cleveland Price	Switch, Whitcomb-LB, 115KV, 1200A, VBSA, Unitized, 5 Bottles, Horns & Whips	1	86-88 wks	\$73,019.00	



Contract # 26-21-08

**CONTRACT
MATERIALS/EQUIPMENT**

This agreement is made and entered into on the 9th day of June, 2026, by and between:

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, hereinafter referred to as "the District",
AND

SOUTHERN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT COMPANY (SEECO), hereinafter referred to as "the Vendor".

WITNESSETH:

That the Vendor for the consideration hereinafter fully set out, and the District, for the consideration of material furnished, agrees that:

1. SCOPE OF WORK: Furnish 115kV Switches per Bid #26-21-08.
2. DELIVERY & ACCEPTANCE:

The Vendor shall deliver the 115kV Switches F.O.B. destination to the District 14 weeks After Receipt of Order (ARO); failure to do so may result in damage to the District.

Testing and Acceptance of conforming items by the District shall occur within the number of days after delivery as specified in the bid specification (if applicable). Items that fail to meet acceptance criteria as specified in the bid specifications shall be rejected. Acceptance or rejection by the District of the Vendor shall be in writing.

3. PAYMENT:

Payment will be made within thirty days of Acceptance by the District or receipt of a valid invoice from the Vendor whichever occurs later.

The District agrees to pay the Vendor for the material/equipment the sum of Three Hundred One Thousand, Two Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Thirteen Cents (\$301,296.13), plus applicable Washington State Sales Tax.

4. GUARANTEE:

The Vendor guarantees the 115kV Switches against all defects in workmanship, materials, and design as stated on the warranty provided by SEECO.



Contract # 26-21-08

5. PERFORMANCE BOND:

The Vendor shall furnish, in favor of the District, a Performance Bond as required by the Contract Documents, and this Contract shall not obligate the District until such Performance Bond has been tendered.

The District is a public entity subject to the disclosure requirements of the Washington Public Records Act of RCW 42.56. The vendor expressly acknowledges and agrees that its proposal and any information vendor submits with its proposal or which vendor submits to the District in its performance of any contract with the District is subject to public disclosure pursuant to the Public Records Act or other applicable law and the District may disclose vendor's proposal and/or accompanying information at its sole discretion in accordance with its obligations under applicable law.

The District must comply with the Preservation and Destruction of Public Records RCW 40.14. The vendor expressly acknowledges and agrees that it will maintain all records and documentation related to the contract in accordance with its obligations under applicable law.

In the event that the District receives a request pursuant to the Washington Public Records Act, or other legal process requesting or mandating disclosure of any information or documents submitted to the District by vendor, the District's sole obligation shall be to notify the vendor promptly, so that the vendor at vendor's expense and cost, may seek court protection of any of the requested information vendor deems confidential.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed this Agreement.

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF BENTON COUNTY**

**SOUTHERN ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT
COMPANY**

BY: _____

BY: _____

PRINT: _____

PRINT: _____

TITLE: _____

TITLE: _____

DATE: _____

DATE: _____

UBI NO. _____



Contract # 26-21-08

PERFORMANCE BOND

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That whereas, **Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County**, Washington, a municipal corporation, hereinafter designated as the "District", has entered into an agreement dated June 9, 2026, with, **Souther Electrical Equipment Company (SEECO)** hereinafter designated as the "Vendor", providing for 115kV Switches, which agreement is on file at the District's office and by this reference is made a part hereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, We, the undersigned Vendor as principal, and a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of _____ and duly authorized to do a surety business in the State of Washington, as surety, are held and firmly bound into the State of Washington and the District in the sum of

(\$301,296.13) plus Washington State sales tax

for the payment of which we do jointly and severally bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns by these presents.

THE CONDITIONS OF THIS OBLIGATION are such that if the said principal, his heirs, representatives or successors, shall well and truly keep and observe all of the covenants, conditions, and agreements in said contract and shall faithfully perform all of the provisions of the contract, pay all taxes of the Vendor arising therefrom, and pay all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, and material men and all persons who shall supply such person or subcontractors with provisions and supplies for carrying on such work, and shall indemnify and save harmless the District, their officers, and agents, from any and all claims, actions or damage of every kind and description including attorneys' fees and legal expense and from any pecuniary loss resulting from the breach of any of said terms, covenants, or conditions to be performed by the Vendor:

AND FURTHER, that the Vendor will correct or replace any defective work or materials discovered by the said District within a period of one year from the date of acceptance of such



Contract # 26-21-08

work or material by said District, then this obligation shall become null and void; otherwise, it shall be and remain in full force and effect.

No change, extension of time, alteration, or addition to the work to be performed under the agreement shall in any way affect Vendor's or surety's obligation on this bond, and surety does hereby waive notice of any change, extension of time, alterations, or additions thereunder.

This bond is furnished in pursuance of the requirements of Sections 54.04.080 et seq. of Revised Code of Washington, and, in addition to other Vendors and surety to the District for the use and benefit of said District together with all laborers, mechanics, subcontractors, material men, and all persons who supply such person or subcontractors with provisions and supplies for the carrying on of the work covered by the agreement to the extent required by said Revised Code of Washington.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Vendor and the said surety have caused this bond to be signed and sealed by their duly authorized officers this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Surety


Title

Vendor

Title



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Contract #21-02-03 - Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG) – Change Order #3	
Authored by:	Karen Dunlap	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Jon Meyer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion authorizing the General Manager on behalf of the District to sign Change Order #3 of Contract #21-02-03 with Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG).; to extend the term of the contract to June 30, 2027, and increase the not-to-exceed amount by \$24,000.00 for a total contract not-to-exceed amount of \$141,000.00.

Background/Summary

The District has a long-established Retirement Benefit Committee (RBC) that monitors retirement plan designs, plan administrator, and investment performance and options for the District’s 401(a) and 457(b) programs. To assist with the fiduciary responsibility of managing these programs, the District has engaged a retirement plan fiduciary consultant. Costs for the consultant are paid by the District and then reimbursed by MissionSquare from administrative expense fees withheld from retirement plan participant accounts, resulting in no net cost to the District.

For the past 15 years, the District has worked with the same lead consultant, however the name of the firm has changed over time due to acquisitions. Originally, the District’s contract was with the Hvas Group, which was acquired by FCG last year. FCG is a specialized consulting firm whose primary business is institutional retirement plan consulting and has experience with governmental and non-profit public agencies. The Hvas Group, and now continued by FCG, has been providing the RBC with valuable consulting services; including, but not limited to, economic and quarterly financial market analysis and updates, investment reports, fund performance analysis, on-going training and education on fiduciary liability, advising the RBC on District Investment Policy and recommending amendments to plan documents. The current contract expires on June 30, 2026.

In December 2025, the lead consultant assigned to Benton PUD and the District’s long-standing Fiduciary Advisor, announced his retirement effective in June 2026 and has since introduced his replacement. Extending the contract one year will give the District an opportunity to evaluate the new lead consultant assigned to Benton PUD prior to making any longer-term decisions regarding selection of a retirement plan fiduciary consultant.

Recommendation

Recommend a change order #3 to extend the current FCG Agreement for one year at the same annual rates, terms and conditions and increase the total contract amount to \$141,000.

Fiscal Impact

There is no net fiscal impact to the District. FGC has agreed to continue at the current annual fee of \$24,000 for the one-year extension. The fees for these services are invoiced to and paid by the District. Once paid, a request for reimbursement from the administrative withholding accounts of each of the Plans is submitted to MissionSquare.



CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER

Contract #: 21-02-03

Change Order #: 3

Vendor Name: Fiduciary Consulting Group

E-Mail: jdavidson@hyasgroup.com

Effective Date: 06/09/2026

Contract Work Manager: Karen Dunlap

Contract Title: Institutional Retirement Plan Consulting Services

Change Order Description:

Extend this contract with Morgan Stanley Institutional Investment Advisors, LLC, DBA Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG) previously known as Hyas Group, LLC (Hyas Group) for one additional year through June 30, 2027, and increase funding by \$24,000.00 for a new total contract amount of \$141,000.00.

Change order Total: \$24,000.00
Original Contract Total: \$117,000.00
New Contract Total: \$141,000.00

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED HEREIN, ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT REMAIN UNCHANGED AND IN FULL FORCE AND AFFECT
The District is a public entity subject to the disclosure requirements of the Washington Public Records Act of RCW 42.56.

**PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF BENTON COUNTY**

Fiduciary Consulting Group (FCG)

BY:

BY:

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TITLE:


TITLE:

DATE:

DATE:



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Resolution No. 2728 – Approving Updates to the Emergency Response Policies	
Authored by:	Keith Mercer	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Keith Mercer	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Keith Mercer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
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Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2728 approving updates to the emergency response policies.

Background/Summary

In June of 2009, the Commission adopted Emergency Response Policies via Resolution No. 2040 authorizing the General Manager to issue a Declaration of Emergency and develop subordinate plans, directives and procedures that are consistent with the direction established by these policies. The Emergency Response Policies were reviewed and revised in 2015 via Resolution 2336, in 2018 via Resolution 2443, and in 2021 via Resolution 2577.

As part of the District’s Governance Policy requiring periodic review of selected policies, staff conducted an additional review of the Emergency Response Policies. Revisions include updated titles reflecting the District’s recent reorganization and upcoming retirements, along with other minor edits and clarifications.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approving the resolution to update the emergency response policies.

Fiscal Impact

None.

RESOLUTION NO. 2728

June 9, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
APPROVING UPDATES TO THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the District) provides services that are essential to the well-being and livelihoods of the people it serves; AND

WHEREAS, a wide-spread and/or extended loss of these essential services will require immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, and protect public property; AND

WHEREAS, in order to adequately respond to an emergency event, it is appropriate to waive certain requirements relative to procurement actions and compensation; AND

WHEREAS, during emergencies formally declared by the District, the District may require that employees exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) work a significant number of hours beyond their normal workday for an extended period of time; AND

WHEREAS, Court decisions and rulings from the U.S. Department of Labor have established that additional compensation paid to employees who are exempt from the FLSA will not destroy their exempt status; AND

WHEREAS, during emergencies formally declared by the District, the District will provide meals at the worksite to be consumed while working if employees are required to remain at the worksite during meal periods in order to gain efficiency; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to provide fair and equitable pay and benefits for all employees of the District; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the attached set of Emergency Response Policies be adopted; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager is directed to develop subordinate plans, directives and procedures that are consistent with the direction established by these policies; AND

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this 9th day of June, 2026.

This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2577 dated April 10, 2021.

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Massey, Secretary

BENTON PUD EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICIES

Resolution No. 2728

May 26, 2026

1. **The District may waive procurement competitive bidding requirements in the event of an emergency in accordance with RCW 39.04.280. As defined by RCW 39.04.280(3), emergency means unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the municipality that either: (a) present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate actions is not taken.**
 - The General Manager or designee may declare an emergency exists for Procurement Procedures and waive competitive bidding requirements found in Policy Number 77 Contracts & Purchasing Policy and Procedure in order to address the emergency.
 - A Declaration of an Emergency for Procurement Procedures will be formally declared based on this criterion by the General Manager or designee in the form provided at Attachment 1.
 - The General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, or Chief Financial Officer are granted procurement authority for emergency work or materials regardless of dollar value.
 - The Commission will be notified when an emergency is declared and competitive bidding requirements have been waived.

2. **In addition to the General Manager’s authority to waive procurement competitive bidding requirements as described in Section 1 above, an event will be considered an Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures if it is estimated that approximately 20% of District electric service connections are without power, or if it is anticipated that approximately 10% of District electric service connections will be without power for more than 24 hours, or if it includes the loss of an integral component of the District.**
 - A Declaration of an Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures will be formally declared based on this criterion by the General Manager or designee in the form provided at Attachment 2.
 - The Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington (Commission) shall ratify such Declaration of Emergency as soon as practical in the form provided at Attachment 3.
 - The Commission shall terminate such Declaration of Emergency when emergency conditions have subsided in the form provided at Attachment 4.

A. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District, overtime pay is authorized as follows:

 - Exempt employee overtime pay is authorized at one-and a half times base pay, except that overtime pay for Director Level and above is not authorized.
 - Non-exempt/non-bargaining employee overtime pay shall continue to be paid under standard administration policies.
 - Bargaining employee overtime pay shall continue to be paid under terms contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - All overtime shall be closely managed by supervisory personnel to ensure that overtime compensation is in support of prompt restoration of service or in direct connection with the Emergency Response Plan.

- B. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District, the District will provide meals for employees who are working and responding to the emergency in order to provide efficiencies by keeping employees at the worksite.**
- C. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District. The General Manager may enter into a mutual aid agreement with other utilities that will provide the basis for payment to other utilities.**

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(Procurement Procedures)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2728 adopted Emergency Response Policies authorizing the General Manager to issue a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the following event has occurred, or is occurring:_____

_____; AND

WHEREAS, this event falls within the definition of emergency in RCW 39.04.280(3) that unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the District either; (a) present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; AND

WHEREAS, the District will waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the District to address the emergency; AND

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the General Manager, or designee, is declaring that a local emergency exists, this _____ day of _____, 20__ .

General Manager or Designee

Date

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(Non-Procurement Procedures)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2728 adopted Emergency Response Policies authorizing the General Manager to issue a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the following event has occurred, or is occurring:_____

_____; AND

WHEREAS, current or estimated conditions within the District’s service territory meet one or more of the following criteria (check all that apply):

_____ approximately 20% of District **electric service connections** are without power

_____ approximately 10% of District **electric service connections** will be without power for more than 24 hours

_____ the loss of an integral component of the District has occurred; AND

WHEREAS, the wide-spread and/or extended loss of essential services requires immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, and protect public property; AND

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the General Manager, or designee, is declaring that a local emergency exists, this _____ day of _____, 20____ .

General Manager or Designee

Date

ATTACHMENT No. 3

RESOLUTION NO. _____
Month xx, Year

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY,
RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY for Non-Procurement Procedures SIGNED
_____ day of _____, 20__ .

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the District) has adopted Resolution No. 2728 authorizing the General Manager or designee to sign on behalf of the District a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency was executed by the General Manager or designee on _____ day of _____, 20__; AND

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 42.30.070, the presiding officer of a governing body may designate an alternate meeting location, and in the event of an emergency, certain notice requirements may be modified or suspended as allowed by law; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the Declaration of Emergency signed _____ day of _____, 20__, by the General Manager or designee is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Declaration of Emergency dated _____ day of _____, 20__ is attached hereto and made a part of Resolution No. _____

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this _____ day of _____, 20__ (*if such notice was not suspended*).

Commission President

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

ATTACHMENT No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (b)

Month xx, Year

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY (DISTRICT),
TERMINATING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY SIGNED
_____ day of _____, 20__ .

WHEREAS, The District has adopted Resolution No. 2728 authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to sign on behalf of the District, a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency was executed on _____ day of _____, 20__; AND

WHEREAS, said Declaration of Emergency was ratified by the Commission by Resolution _____; AND

WHEREAS, the situation that gave rise to the Declaration of Emergency has subsided; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the Declaration of Emergency signed _____ day of _____, 20__, by the General Manager and ratified by the Commission is hereby terminated.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this _____ day of _____, 20__.

Commission President

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

Redlined Version

RESOLUTION NO. ~~27282577~~

~~August 10, 2021~~ June 9, 2026

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
APPROVING UPDATES TO THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICIES

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the District) provides services that are essential to the well-being and livelihoods of the people it serves; AND

WHEREAS, a wide-spread and/or extended loss of these essential services will require immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, and protect public property; AND

WHEREAS, in order to adequately respond to an emergency event, it is appropriate to waive certain requirements relative to procurement actions and compensation; AND

WHEREAS, during emergencies formally declared by the District, the District may require that employees exempt from the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) work a significant number of hours beyond their normal work-day for an extended period of time; AND

WHEREAS, Court decisions and rulings from the U.S. Department of Labor have established that additional compensation paid to employees who are exempt from the FLSA will not destroy their exempt status; AND

WHEREAS, during emergencies formally declared by the District, the District will provide meals at the worksite to be consumed while working if employees are required to remain at the worksite during meal periods in order to gain efficiency; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to provide fair and equitable pay and benefits for all employees of the District; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the attached set of Emergency Response Policies be adopted; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the General Manager is directed to develop subordinate plans, directives and procedures that are consistent with the direction established by these policies; AND

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this ~~109th~~ day of ~~August~~ June, 2021 ~~2021~~ 2026.

This Resolution supersedes Resolution No. ~~25772443~~ dated ~~April 10, 2021~~~~March 13, 2018~~.

~~Lori Kays Sanders~~Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

~~Jeffrey D. Hall~~Michael D. Massey, Secretary

BENTON PUD EMERGENCY RESPONSE POLICIES

Resolution No. ~~27282577~~

~~May 26, 2026~~ August 10, 2021

1. **The District may waive procurement competitive bidding requirements in the event of an emergency in accordance with RCW 39.04.280. As defined by RCW 39.04.280(3), emergency means unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the municipality that either: (a) present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate actions is not taken.**
 - The General Manager or designee may declare an emergency exists for Procurement Procedures and waive competitive bidding requirements found in Policy Number 77 Contracts & Purchasing Policy and Procedure in order to address the emergency.
 - A Declaration of an Emergency for Procurement Procedures will be formally declared based on this criterion by the General Manager or designee in the form provided at Attachment 1.
 - The General Manager, Chief Operating Officer, or Chief Financial Officer~~Director of Engineering, or Director of Operations~~ are granted procurement authority for emergency work or materials regardless of dollar value.
 - The Commission will be notified when an emergency is declared and competitive bidding requirements have been waived.

2. **In addition to the General Manager's authority to waive procurement competitive bidding requirements as described in Section 1 above, an event will be considered an Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures if it is estimated that approximately 20% of District electric service connections are without power, or if it is anticipated that approximately 10% of District electric service connections will be without power for more than 24 hours, or if it includes the loss of an integral component of the District.**
 - A Declaration of an Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures will be formally declared based on this criterion by the General Manager or designee in the form provided at Attachment 2.
 - The Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington (Commission) shall ratify such Declaration of Emergency as soon as practical in the form provided at Attachment 3.
 - The Commission shall terminate such Declaration of Emergency when emergency conditions have subsided in the form provided at Attachment 4.

A. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District, overtime pay is authorized as follows:

 - Exempt employee overtime pay is authorized at one-and a half times base pay, except that overtime pay for Director Level and above is not authorized.
 - Non-exempt/non-bargaining employee overtime pay shall continue to be paid under standard administration policies.
 - Bargaining employee overtime pay shall continue to be paid under terms contained in the Collective Bargaining Agreement.
 - All overtime shall be closely managed by supervisory personnel to ensure that overtime compensation is in support of prompt restoration of service or in direct connection with the Emergency Response Plan.

- B. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District, the District will provide meals for employees who are working and responding to the emergency in order to provide efficiencies by keeping employees at the worksite.**
- C. Under a Declaration of Emergency for Non-Procurement Procedures by the District. The General Manager may enter in-to a mutual aid agreement with other utilities that will provide the basis for payment to other utilities.**

ATTACHMENT NO. 1

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(Procurement Procedures)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. ~~2577-2728~~ adopted Emergency Response Policies authorizing the General Manager to issue a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the following event has occurred, or is occurring: _____

_____; AND

WHEREAS, this event falls within the definition of emergency in RCW 39.04.280(3) that unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the District either; (a) present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; AND

WHEREAS, the District will waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the District to address the emergency; AND

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the General Manager, or designee, is declaring that a local emergency exists, this _____ day of _____, 20__ .

General Manager or Designee

Date

ATTACHMENT NO. 2

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY
(Non-Procurement Procedures)**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. ~~2577-2728~~ adopted Emergency Response Policies authorizing the General Manager to issue a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the following event has occurred, or is occurring: _____

_____; AND

WHEREAS, current or estimated conditions within the District's service territory meet one or more of the following criteria (check all that apply):

_____ approximately 20% of District **electric service connections** are without power

_____ approximately 10% of District **electric service connections** will be without power for more than 24 hours

_____ the loss of an integral component of the District has occurred; AND

WHEREAS, the wide-spread and/or extended loss of essential services requires immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, and protect public property; AND

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to Resolution No. _____, the General Manager, or designee, is declaring that a local emergency exists, this _____ day of _____, 20____ .

General Manager or Designee

Date

ATTACHMENT No. 3

RESOLUTION NO. _____
Month xx, Year

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY,
RATIFYING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY for Non-Procurement Procedures SIGNED
_____ day of _____, 20__ .

WHEREAS, the Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the District) has adopted Resolution No. ~~2577~~ 2728 authorizing the General Manager or designee to sign on behalf of the District a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, a Declaration of Emergency was executed by the General Manager or designee on _____ day of _____, 20__; AND

WHEREAS, ~~per-pursuant to~~ RCW 42.30.070, the presiding officer of a governing body may ~~designate an alternate meeting location, and in the event of an emergency, provide for a meeting site other than the regular meeting site and the certain~~ notice requirements may be ~~modified or~~ suspended ~~as allowed by law during an emergency~~; AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the Declaration of Emergency signed _____ day of _____, 20__, by the General Manager or designee is hereby ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Declaration of Emergency dated _____ day of _____, 20__ is attached hereto and made a part of Resolution No. _____

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this _____ day of _____, 20__ (if such notice was not suspended).

Commission President

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary

ATTACHMENT No. 4

RESOLUTION NO. _____ (b)

Month xx, Year

A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY (DISTRICT),
TERMINATING THE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY SIGNED
_____ day of _____, 20__ .

WHEREAS, The District has adopted Resolution No. ~~2577-2728~~ authorizing the General Manager, or his designee, to sign on behalf of the District, a Declaration of Emergency; AND

WHEREAS, the Declaration of Emergency was executed on _____ day of _____, 20__; AND

WHEREAS, said Declaration of Emergency was ratified by the Commission by Resolution _____; AND

WHEREAS, the situation that gave rise to the Declaration of Emergency has subsided;
AND

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington that the Declaration of Emergency signed _____ day of _____, 20__, by the General Manager and ratified by the Commission is hereby terminated.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County, Washington, at an open public meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this _____ day of _____, 20__.


Commission President

ATTEST:

Commission Secretary



COMMISSION AGENDA ACTION FORM

Meeting Date:	June 9, 2026	
Subject:	Approval of Resolution No. 2727, Procurement Policy	
Authored by:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Preparing Item
Presenter:	Michelle Ochweri	Staff Presenting Item (if applicable or N/A)
Approved by:	Jon Meyer	Dept. Director/Manager
Approved for Commission:	Rick Dunn 	General Manager
Type of Agenda Item:	Type of Action Needed: <i>(Multiple boxes can be checked, if necessary)</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Consent Agenda <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business Agenda <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing <input type="checkbox"/> Other Business	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Pass Resolution <input type="checkbox"/> Contract / Change Order <input type="checkbox"/> Sign Letter / Document <input type="checkbox"/> Decision / Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only <input type="checkbox"/> Info Only/Possible Action <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation Included	

Motion for Commission Consideration:

Motion adopting Resolution No. 2727 to provide staff procedures for procurement of certain materials, equipment, supplies, services, public works, personal services and emergency procurements.

Background/Summary

SB 6076, “Streamline consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage transmission, and distribution projects” was passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor becomes effective June 11, 2026. SB 6076 included the following changes:

- Until January 1, 2045, creates a separate category of work under PUD procurement law for electric generation facilities fueled by non-emitting or renewable resources, energy storage, or transmission or distribution projects.
 - For this type of work, construction, maintenance, operation, or repair, a PUD may use its own regularly employed personnel to perform the work using material up to \$1 million (The previous limit was \$300,000).
- Competitive bidding requirements for PUDs may be received electronically.

HB 2420, “Increasing small works roster contract limits” was passed by Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor. Beginning January 1, 2027, it gradually increases small works roster thresholds through July 1, 2030, and thereafter unless modified by law to increase the maximum value a public works contract eligible for small works roster process. The previous threshold was \$350,000. Following are the gradual increases and timeline for implementation:

Effective Date	Small Works Threshold
Through Dec. 31, 2026	\$350,000 (no change)
Jan. 1, 2027	\$530,000

Jul. 1, 2027	\$560,000
Jul. 1, 2028	\$590,000
Jul. 1, 2029	\$620,000
Jul. 1, 2030 and thereafter	\$650,000

Effective date for implementation of new Washington State Laws is June 11, 2026, and the District will be updating its internal Procurement Procedures to incorporate these changes.

Recommendation

Recommendation to issue a new resolution to update the District’s Procurement Policies and Procedures adopting modifications made by Washington State Legislature Bill SB 6076 and HB 2420 that go into effect June 11, 2026.

Fiscal Impact

The implementation of this change will have no direct fiscal impact to the District.

RESOLUTION NO. 2727

June 9, 2026

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
PROVIDING A STAFF PROCEDURE FOR PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT,
SUPPLIES, SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, PERSONAL SERVICES, AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS**

WHEREAS, The Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the “District”) recognizes the importance of procurement policies in providing management and staff guidance in managing the procurement of items (materials, equipment, supplies) and services (public works, personal services, ordinary maintenance), and emergency procurements; AND

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) establish procurement requirements for Public Utility Districts; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission acknowledges the requirements to follow applicable Federal, State, and Local laws in the procurement of items and services; AND

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2025, Commission passed a motion to grant the General Manager authority to negotiate tariffs in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the procurement and to provide a regular report to the Commission regarding the tariffs being paid; AND

WHEREAS, SB 6076, “Streamline consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage transmission, and distribution projects” was passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor increasing thresholds Until January 1, 2045 and a separate category of work is created under PUD procurement law for electric generation facilities fueled by non-emitting or renewable resources, energy storage, or transmission or distribution projects with an effective date of June 11, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, HB 2420, “Increasing small works roster contract limits” was passed by Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor beginning January 1, increasing the maximum value a public works contract eligible for small works roster process in a phased approach between 2027 and 2030; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to delegate certain procurement authority to the General Manager to gain efficiencies in procurement processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County that the attached procurement policies are adopted for purposes of managing the District’s procurement activities effective June 9, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the General Manager is directed to develop subordinate directives and procedures that are consistent with the direction established by these policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2695.

ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County at an open meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this 9th day of June 2026.

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Massey, Secretary



PROCUREMENT POLICY
Resolution No. 2727, June 6, 2026

1. The District shall follow all applicable procurement laws and regulations for Public Utility Districts as set forth by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and other rules established by applicable regulatory agencies.

- It is District policy that procurement decisions shall be made free from actual or perceived conflicts of interest consistent with the District's Code of Ethics and the Governance of the Benton PUD policy.

2. The General Manager shall establish procurement controls that provide reasonable assurance that the procurement of goods and services are made for a valid business purpose and within authorized budget levels.

- The General Manager shall develop subordinate directives and procedures that comply with applicable RCWs and WACs. Such directives and procedures shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Contracting for materials equipment and supplies
 - Contracting for public works
 - Contracting for architectural and engineering services
 - Contracting for electronic data processing or telecommunications equipment, software, and services
 - Contracting for services and ordinary maintenance
 - Contracting for personal services
 - Prevailing wages
 - Industrial insurance
 - Performance bonds
 - Bid bonds
 - Electronic Bids
 - P-Card
 - Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) requirements

3. The Commission shall approve all procurement actions with a value of \$120,000 or greater, except those actions where the Commission has delegated specific authority to the General Manager by resolution or motion

- All procurement actions shall be assigned a dollar amount (contract or purchase order value) representing the maximum value of items or services to be purchased. The value shall include the original procurement action, all modifications, and shall take into account all option periods. The contract or purchase order value provides the basis for the required approval

level.

- Commission approval is required at the time the purchase order or contract value is \$120,000 or greater.
 - The General Manager is authorized to approve the procurement of items and services worth less than \$120,000 in value. The General Manager may further delegate this contractual authority consistently with prudent business practice. The Commission shall approve changes and modifications to contracts that were previously approved by the Commission, subject to the following exceptions: 1) the General Manager may extend, without further approval of the Commission, those contracts which have an option for the extension of time and which have incorporated as a part of the original contract a means for establishing the price for the extended term, and 2) the General Manager may execute modifications and changes to the purchase order or contract value that do not exceed 10% of the Commission approved value up to \$25,000 accumulative. **This authority does not apply where there is a significant change in business risk, customer impact, scope, per hour rate, or other significant change from the original intent of the contract.**
- The Commission authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and pay tariffs in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of each procurement, including procurements that required Commission approval.
- Each quarter, the General Manager shall submit to the Commission, for information only, a report of all contracts and related change orders during the previous quarter along with tariffs related to each procurement.
- It is District policy that due diligence and prudent judgment be exercised in the making of procurement decisions, including conducting a risk assessment. If the General Manager reasonably determines that a procurement activity presents, regardless of the size of the financial commitment, either: (i) a unique and significant operational risk to the District; or (ii) a significant impact to customers, the General Manager shall inform the Commission.

4. In accordance with RCW 54.04.070, until January 1, 2045, for any work ordered by the District's Commission for the construction, maintenance, operation, or repair of new or existing nonemitting electric generation, electric generation from a renewable resource, energy storage, or transmission or distribution projects, (herein referred to as "T&D Projects") the District may have its own regularly employed personnel perform work which is an accepted industry practice under prudent utility management using material up to \$1,000,000, this limit on the value of material being utilized in work being performed by regularly employed personnel does not include the value of individual items of equipment. For the purpose of this section, "equipment" includes but is not limited to conductor, cabling, wire, lines, parts, components, or other devices used in nonemitting electrical generation, transmission, or distribution. For purpose of this subsection, "nonemitting electric generation" and "renewable resource" have the definitions provided in RCW 19.405.020.

For any work ordered by the District's Commission for projects that don't meet the definition above, the District may have its own regularly employed personnel perform work which is an accepted industry practice under prudent utility management using material up to \$300,000, this limit on the value of material being utilized in work being performed by regular personnel shall not include the value of individual items of equipment. For the purposes of this section the term "equipment" includes but is not limited to conductor cable wire pipe, or lines used for electrical,

water, fiber optic or telecommunications.

5. The District is authorized to use the small works process in lieu of competitive bidding for the procurement of public works in accordance with RCW 54.04.070 and 39.04.152

- The District may use the small works process for public work contracts with an estimated cost, not including sales tax as follows:

Effective Date	Small Works Threshold
Through Dec. 31, 2026	\$350,000
Jan. 1, 2027	\$530,000
Jul. 1, 2027	\$560,000
Jul. 1, 2028	\$590,000
Jul. 1, 2029	\$620,000
Jul. 1, 2030 and thereafter	\$650,000

6. The District shall utilize a formal sealed bidding process for the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, or services as defined within RCW 54.04.080

- The Commission shall be final authority as to whether a bid is responsive to the call for bids
- With respect to items purchased under the provisions of RCW 54.04.070 (1), the term “same kind of materials, equipment and supplies” shall mean items which are not different in essential elements and shall include items which are not identical, but which under the particular circumstances calling for the usage or application would under prudent utility practice be interchangeable one with the other and which would fulfill all of the requirements of the particular item for the purpose for which the same is being purchased or acquired.

With respect to items purchased under the provisions of RCW 54.04.070 (4) for a PUD T&D Projects, any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies in an amount exceeding \$50,000 per calendar month, but less than \$250,000 per calendar month, exclusive of sales tax, the district commission may, in lieu of procedure described in RCW 54.04.070 and 54.04.080 requiring public notice to invite sealed proposals for such materials, equipment, or supplies, pursuant to commission resolution, use the process provided in RCW 39.04.190. Waiver of the deposit or bid bond required under RCW 54.04.080 may be authorized by the commission in securing such bid quotations.

- This section only applies to new or existing nonemitting electric generation, electric generation from a renewable resource, energy storage, transmission, or distribution projects as defined in RCW 54.04.070.

For projects that do not meet the definition above PUD T&D Projects, the following will define any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies purchased, the estimated cost of which is in excess of \$30,000, exclusive of sales tax, shall be by contract. However, a district may make purchases of the same kind of items of materials, equipment, and supplies not exceeding \$12,000 in any calendar month without a contract, purchasing any excess thereof over \$12,000 by contract.

- Whenever a question arises as to whether an item is the same kind of material, equipment or supplies, the General Manager shall bring the question before the Commission who will

further amplify this resolution and determine the specific facts as to whether or not such item or items to be purchased fall within the terms herein defined.

- Successful bidders shall provide performance bonds not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, in accordance with the bid.
- The District is authorized to use state contracts in lieu of competitive bidding. These contracts must have been awarded by the State of Washington through a competitive bid process for materials, equipment, supplies or services. These contracts must allow the District to contract with the supplier or contractor directly under the terms of the particular state contract for the required materials or services. All applicable laws and District resolutions regarding prevailing wage, excise taxes, retained funds, etc. will be followed.

7. The District is authorized to utilize the alternate bid (quote) procedures as set forth by RCW 54.04.082 and 39.04.190

- For the awarding of a contract to purchase any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies in an amount exceeding thirty thousand dollars per calendar month, but less than one hundred and twenty thousand dollars per calendar month, exclusive of sales tax, the District may, in lieu of the procedure described in RCW [54.04.070](#) and [54.04.080](#) requiring public notice to invite sealed proposals for such materials, equipment, or supplies, use the process provided in RCW [39.04.190](#). No bid bond otherwise required under the provisions of RCW 54.04.080 need be furnished when using the alternate bid procedure (quote).
- The General Manager shall invite quotes from at least three vendors after developing a statement of requirements pertaining to quantity, delivery terms, and/or other such commercial terms and conditions that may be appropriate to the purchase. The General Manager or designee may determine that there are not three vendors or suppliers who are able to provide materials, equipment, or supplies and may waive this provision in writing.

8. The District may waive competitive bidding requirements, alternative bid (quote) procedures or small works procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 for 1) purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, 2) purchases involving special facilities or market conditions, or 3) purchases of insurance or bonds. In the event that there is a sole source for a purchase, the District shall record the factual basis for the exception to competitive bidding requirements and make it available for public inspection.

- ❖ The Commission shall approve all waivers for procurement actions \$120,000 or greater.
- ❖ The General Manager may approve waivers for procurement actions of less than \$120,000. Waivers must be documented in writing as to the reason for the action.

9. The District may waive competitive bidding requirements, alternative bid procedures or small works procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 for 1) purchases in the event of emergency and 2) public works in the event of emergency.

**A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMISSION OF
THE PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF BENTON COUNTY
PROVIDING A STAFF PROCEDURE FOR PROCUREMENT OF CERTAIN MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT,
SUPPLIES, SERVICES, PUBLIC WORKS, PERSONAL SERVICES, AND EMERGENCY PROCUREMENTS**

WHEREAS, The Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County (the “District”) recognizes the importance of procurement policies in providing management and staff guidance in managing the procurement of items (materials, equipment, supplies) and services (public works, personal services, ordinary maintenance), and emergency procurements; AND

WHEREAS, the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) establish procurement requirements for Public Utility Districts; AND

WHEREAS, The Commission acknowledges the requirements to follow applicable Federal, State, and Local laws in the procurement of items and services; AND

~~WHEREAS, ESSB 5418, Local Government Procurement – Various Provisions was passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor increasing several procurement thresholds effective July 28, 2019; AND~~

WHEREAS, on May 13, ~~2025~~2025, Commission passed a motion to grant the General Manager authority to negotiate tariffs in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of the procurement and to provide a regular report to the Commission regarding the tariffs being paid; AND

WHEREAS, SB 6076, “Streamline consumer-owned utility procurement requirements for clean energy generation, energy storage transmission, and distribution projects” was passed by the Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor increasing thresholds Until January 1, 2045 and a separate category of work is created under PUD procurement law for electric generation facilities fueled by non-emitting or renewable resources, energy storage, or transmission or distribution projects with an effective date of June 11, 2026; AND

WHEREAS, HB 2420, “Increasing small works roster contract limits” was passed by Washington State Legislature and signed by the Governor beginning January 1, increasing the maximum value a public works contract eligible for small works roster process in a phased approach between 2027 and 2030; AND

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to delegate certain procurement authority to the General Manager to gain efficiencies in procurement processes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County that the attached procurement policies are adopted for purposes of managing the District’s procurement activities effective June 9, ~~May 27,~~2025~~6~~.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That the General Manager is directed to develop subordinate

directives and procedures that are consistent with the direction established by these policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That this resolution supersedes Resolution No. 2695.

ADOPTED By the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Benton County at an open meeting, with notice of such meeting being given as required by law, this 26^h-9th day of May-June 2026.

Jeffrey D. Hall, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Massey, Secretary



PROCUREMENT POLICY

Resolution No. ~~XXXX2727~~, ~~May 26~~ June 6, 2026

1. The District shall follow all applicable procurement laws and regulations for Public Utility Districts as set forth by the Revised Code of Washington (RCW), Washington Administrative Code (WAC), and other rules established by applicable regulatory agencies.

- It is District policy that procurement decisions shall be made free from actual or perceived conflicts of interest consistent with the District's Code of Ethics and the Governance of the Benton PUD policy.

2. The General Manager shall establish procurement controls that provide reasonable assurance that the procurement of goods and services are made for a valid business purpose and within authorized budget levels.

- The General Manager shall develop subordinate directives and procedures that comply with applicable RCWs and WACs. Such directives and procedures shall include, but not be limited to:
 - Contracting for materials equipment and supplies
 - Contracting for public works
 - Contracting for architectural and engineering services
 - Contracting for electronic data processing or telecommunications equipment, software, and services
 - Contracting for services and ordinary maintenance
 - Contracting for personal services
 - Prevailing wages
 - Industrial insurance
 - Performance bonds
 - Bid bonds
 - Electronic Bids
 - P-Card
 - Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) requirements

3. The Commission shall approve all procurement actions with a value of \$120,000 or greater, except those actions where the Commission has delegated specific authority to the General Manager by resolution or motion

- All procurement actions shall be assigned a dollar amount (contract or purchase order value) representing the maximum value of items or services to be purchased. The value shall include the original procurement action, all modifications, and shall take into account all option periods. The contract or purchase order value provides the basis for the required approval

level.

- Commission approval is required at the time the purchase order or contract value is \$120,000 or greater.
 - The General Manager is authorized to approve the procurement of items and services less than \$120,000 in value. The General Manager may further delegate this contractual authority consistent with prudent business practice. The Commission shall approve changes and modifications to contracts that were previously approved by the Commission, subject to the following exceptions: 1) the General Manager may extend, without further approval of the Commission, those contracts which have an option for the extension of time and which have incorporated as a part of the original contract a means for establishing the price for the extended term, and 2) the General Manager may execute modifications and changes to the purchase order or contract value that do not exceed 10% of the Commission approved value up to \$25,000 accumulative. **This authority does not apply where there is a significant change in business risk, customer impact, scope, per hour rate, or other significant change from the original intent of the contract.**
- The Commission authorizes the General Manager to negotiate and pay tariffs in an amount not to exceed 50% of the total cost of each procurement, including procurements that required Commission approval.
- Each quarter, the General Manager shall submit to the Commission, for information only, a report of all contracts and related change orders during the previous quarter along with tariffs related to each procurement.
- It is District policy that due diligence and prudent judgment be exercised in the making of procurement decisions, including conducting a risk assessment. If the General Manager reasonably determines that a procurement activity presents, regardless of the size of the financial commitment, either: (i) a unique and significant operational risk to the District; or (ii) a significant impact to customers, the General Manager shall inform the Commission.

4. In accordance with RCW 54.04.070, until January 1, 2045, for any work ordered by the District's Commission for the construction, maintenance, operation, or repair of new or existing nonemitting electric generation, electric generation from a renewable resource, energy storage, or transmission or distribution projects, (herein referred to as "T&D Projects") the District may have its own regularly employed personnel perform work which is an accepted industry practice under prudent utility management using material up to ~~\$300,000~~\$1,000,000, not including the value of an individual item of equipment purchased and used as one unit of a project, this limit on the value of material being utilized in work being performed by regularly employed personnel does not include the value of individual items of equipment. For the purpose of this section, "equipment" includes but is not limited to conductor, cabling, wire, lines, parts, components, or other devices used in nonemitting electrical generation, transmission, or distribution. For purpose of this subsection, "nonemitting electric generation" and "renewable resource" have the definitions provided in RCW 19.405.020.

4. For any work ordered by the District's Commission for projects that don't meet the definition above, the District may have its own regularly employed personnel perform work which is an accepted industry practice under prudent utility management using material up to \$300,000, not including the value of an individual item of equipment purchased and used as one unit of a project, lines used for electrical or fiber optic or telecommunications, this limit on the value of material

being utilized in work being performed by regular personnel shall not include the value of individual items of equipment. For the purposes of this section the term "equipment" includes but is not limited to conductor cable wire pipe, or lines used for electrical, water, fiber optic or telecommunications.

5. The District is authorized to use the small works process in lieu of competitive bidding for the procurement of public works in accordance with RCW 54.04.070 and 39.04.155152

➤ The District may use the small works process for public work contracts valued up to \$350,000 with an estimated cost, not including sales tax as follows:

<u>Effective Date</u>	<u>Small Works Threshold</u>
<u>Through Dec. 31, 2026</u>	<u>\$350,000</u>
<u>Jan. 1, 2027</u>	<u>\$530,000</u>
<u>Jul. 1, 2027</u>	<u>\$560,000</u>
<u>Jul. 1, 2028</u>	<u>\$590,000</u>
<u>Jul. 1, 2029</u>	<u>\$620,000</u>
<u>Jul. 1, 2030 and thereafter</u>	<u>\$650,000</u>

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6. The District shall utilize a formal sealed bidding process for the procurement of material, equipment, supplies, or services as defined within RCW 54.04.080

➤ The Commission shall be final authority as to whether a bid is responsive to the call for bids

➤ With respect to items purchased under the provisions of RCW 54.04.070 (1), the term "same kind of materials, equipment and supplies" shall mean items which are not different in essential elements and shall include items which are not identical, but which under the particular circumstances calling for the usage or application would under prudent utility practice be interchangeable one with the other and which would fulfill all of the requirements of the particular item for the purpose for which the same is being purchased or acquired.

With respect to items purchased under the provisions of RCW 54.04.070 (4) for a PUD T&D Projects, any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies in an amount exceeding \$50,000 per calendar month, but less than \$250,000 per calendar month, exclusive of sales tax, the district commission may, in lieu of procedure described in RCW 54.04.070 and 54.04.080 requiring public notice to invite sealed proposals for such materials, equipment, or supplies, pursuant to commission resolution, use the process provided in RCW 39.04.190. Waiver of the deposit or bid bond required under RCW 54.04.080 may be authorized by the commission in securing such bid quotations.

- This section only applies to new or existing nonemitting electric generation, electric generation from a renewable resource, energy storage, transmission, or distribution projects as defined in RCW 54.04.070.

For projects that do not meet the definition above of PUD T&D Projects, the following will define any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies purchased, the estimated cost of which is in excess of \$30,000, exclusive of sales tax, shall be by contract. However, a district may make purchases of the same kind of items of materials, equipment, and

supplies not exceeding \$12,000 in any calendar month without a contract, purchasing any excess thereof over \$12,000 by contract.

~~—With respect to items purchased under the provisions of RCW 54.04.070, the term “same kind of materials, equipment and supplies” shall mean items which are not different in essential elements and shall include items which are not identical, but which under the particular circumstances calling for the usage or application would under prudent utility practice be interchangeable one with the other and which would fulfill all of the requirements of the particular item for the purpose for which the same is being purchased or acquired. For a PUD Energy Project, Tthe above definition shall be controlling upon the staff of the District in determining whether it is necessary to call for bids, or to use alternate formal quotes provided by RCW 39.04.190, where purchases are in excess of thirty fifty thousand dollars in any one calendar month, and less than \$250,000 in any one calendar month. The following factors shall be used to determine similarity: insulation, material, capacity, size, voltage, physical design, function, phases, current rating, interrupting rating, voltage rating, strength, length, weight, and height.~~

➤ ~~For projects that do not meet the definition of PUD T&D Projects, the above definition shall be controlling upon the staff of the District in determining whether it is necessary to call for bids, or to use alternate formal quotes provided by RCW 39.04.190, where purchases are more than thirty thousand dollars in any one calendar month.~~

- Whenever a question arises as to whether an item is the same kind of material, equipment or supplies, the General Manager shall bring the question before the Commission who will further amplify this resolution and determine the specific facts as to whether or not such item or items to be purchased fall within the terms herein defined.
- Successful bidders shall provide performance bonds not less than one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, in accordance with the bid.
- The District is authorized to use state contracts in lieu of competitive bidding. These contracts must have been awarded by the State of Washington through a competitive bid process for materials, equipment, supplies or services. These contracts must allow the District to contract with the supplier or contractor directly under the terms of the particular state contract for the required materials or services. All applicable laws and District resolutions regarding prevailing wage, excise taxes, retained funds, etc. will be followed.

7. The District is authorized to utilize the alternate bid (quote) procedures as set forth by RCW 54.04.082 and 39.04.190

- For the awarding of a contract to purchase any item, or items of the same kind of materials, equipment, or supplies in an amount exceeding thirty thousand dollars per calendar month, but less than one hundred and twenty thousand dollars per calendar month, exclusive of sales tax, the District may, in lieu of the procedure described in RCW [54.04.070](#) and [54.04.080](#) requiring public notice to invite sealed proposals for such materials, equipment, or supplies, use the process provided in RCW [39.04.190](#). No bid bond otherwise required under the provisions of RCW 54.04.080 need be furnished when using the alternate bid procedure (quote).
- The General Manager shall invite quotes from at least three vendors after developing a statement of requirements pertaining to quantity, delivery terms, and/or other such commercial terms and conditions that may be appropriate to the purchase. The General

Manager or designee may determine that there are not three vendors or suppliers who are able to provide materials, equipment, or supplies and may waive this provision in writing.

8. ***The District may waive competitive bidding requirements, alternative bid (quote) procedures or small works procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 for 1) purchases that are clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, 2) purchases involving special facilities or market conditions, or 3) purchases of insurance or bonds. In the event that there is a sole source for a purchase, the District shall record the factual basis for the exception to competitive bidding requirements and make it available for public inspection.***

- ❖ The Commission shall approve all waivers for procurement actions \$120,000 or greater.
- ❖ The General Manager may approve waivers for procurement actions of less than \$120,000. Waivers must be documented in writing as to the reason for the action.

9. ***The District may waive competitive bidding requirements, alternative bid procedures or small works procedures pursuant to RCW 39.04.280 for 1) purchases in the event of emergency and 2) public works in the event of emergency.***