



**Mason County PUD No. 1  
Regular Board Meeting  
March 24, 2026  
1:00 p.m.**

Join Zoom Meeting  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85869053743>

Meeting ID: 858 6905 3743  
1 (253) 215-8782

**1) Call the Regular Meeting to Order**

**2) Public Comment**- *Members of the public wishing to comment may request permission to do so during the Public Comment portion of the agenda. Comments shall be limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. There will be no action or discussion of public comment items, although the board may defer to PUD management for any necessary response.*

**3) Consent Agenda**

**Minutes:** March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting

<b>Disbursements:</b>	Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 502,916.06
	Check Nos. 128045 – 128085	\$2,072,872.10
	Check Nos. 128089 - 128102	\$ 79,801.23
	Payroll Wire	\$ 531,311.38
	Check Nos. 128086 - 128088	\$ 13,617.80
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$3,200,518.57</b>

**4) Business Agenda**

- a. Claim for Damages - Force
- b. February Financials
- c. Manzanita Change Order No. 1
- d. WPUDA Scholarship Nomination
- e. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Write-Off to Collections
- f. 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2026 Rebate Report
- g. Authorize Manager to sign FEMA grant contract for Fuels Reductions project

**5) Staff Reports**

- a. General Manager
- b. District Treasurer
- c. Water Resource Manager
- d. Legal Counsel

**6) Correspondence**

**7) Board Comments**

**8) Other Business/Public Comment**

**9) Executive Session** may be held as authorized by the Open Public Meetings Act (RCW 42.30.110)

**10) Adjourn**

## 2026 Calendar

Mar 27	WPUDA Water Committee/WWUC	Vancouver
April 1-2	Public Power Council	Portland
Apr 29-May 1	WPUDA Annual Conference	Suquamish
May 6-7	Public Power Council	Portland
May 14	WPUDA Strategic Planning Committee	Olympia
May 18-21	NWPPA Annual Conference	Spokane
May 29	Water Committee/WWUC	Olympia
June 3-4	Public Power Council	Portland
June 26-July 1	APPA National Conference	Boston, MA
July 15-17	WPUDA Association Meeting	TBD
August 5-6	Public Power Council	Portland
September 2-3	Public Power Council	Portland
Sep 16-18	WPUDA Association Meeting	TBD
Sep 30-Oct 2	WPUDA Water Workshop	Wenatchee
October 7-8	Public Power Council	Portland
Oct 15	WPUDA Budget Committee	Olympia
November 4	Public Power Council Town Hall	Portland
November 5	Public Power Council Annual Meeting	Portland
Nov 18-20	WPUDA Association Meeting	Olympia



**Mason County Public Utility District No. 1**  
Board of Commissioners Regular Board Meeting  
March 10, 2026, Potlatch, Washington

**Present:**

Ron Gold, President  
Mike Sheetz, Vice President  
Jack Janda, Board Secretary (Zoom)  
Kristin Masteller, General Manager  
Katie Arnold, District Treasurer  
Brandy Milroy, Water Resource Manager  
Jeremiah Waugh, Engineering Manager  
Rob Johnson, Legal Counsel  
Cloey Fletcher, Administrative Assistant Intern

**Visitors:** Michael, via Zoom  
Jan Morris, Hoodsport Customer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Ron called the regular meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment. Michael and Jan were welcomed to the meeting.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

<b>Minutes:</b>	February 24, 2026 Regular Meeting	
<b>Disbursements:</b>	Accounts Payable Wire	\$ 159,548.26
	Check Nos. 127989 - 128019	\$ 113,335.81
	Check Nos. 128022 – 128044	\$ 63,963.21
	Payroll Wire	\$ 104,325.51
	Check Nos. 128020 - 128021	\$ 9,816.81
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$ 450,989.60</b>

Jack made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented; Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

**Business Agenda:**

**Authorize Manager to sign Viewcrest Beach Grant contract with DOH for \$1,397,697.00** – Jack made a motion to authorize manager to sign Viewcrest Beach Grant with Dept. of Health in the amount of \$1,397,697.00; Mike seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Reports –**

**General Manager** – Kristin gave a summary of her Public Power Rally visit to Washington, D.C. and the topics she covered in the meetings like funding Drinking Water State Revolving Funding, pole attachments, and culvert funding. She also gave an update on grants; PUD is close to reaching the \$40 million mark in grant funding this year. FEMA also approved the generators grant, which advances the generator plan by six years. FEMA also funded tree trimming for almost \$1 million. An additional \$20 million has also been submitted in grant applications that are under review.



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**District Treasurer** – Katie shared more about the year-end financials. She and Lisa will be attending NISC users group meeting next week. Katie is also working on contracts for the FEMA grants.

**Water Resource Manager** – Brandy gave an update on the Arcadia Estates, Harstine Retreat, Bay East, Manzanita, Shadowood water projects. She also stated that the PUD crew was working on lead service line inventories.

**Legal Counsel** – Rob discussed EDA grant easements.

**Correspondence** – None.

**Board Reports –**

**Mike** – Mike gave update on PPC.

**Jack** – No report.

**Ron** –No report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jan commented on how much is happening at PUD and commented on the knowledge of the staff.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – None.

**Adjournment: 1:54 p.m.**

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**Ron Gold, President**

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**Mike Sheetz, Vice President**

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**Jack Janda, Secretary**

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Accounts Payable  
Check Register

03/06/2026 To 03/19/2026

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
1431 03/10/2026	WIRE	BPA	COLUMBIA BANK	POWER USAGE	378,934.00
1432 03/12/2026	WIRE	LILLIWAUP FAL	LILLIWAUP FALLS GENERATING COMP	FEBRUARY POWER USAGE	29,028.20
1434 03/16/2026	WIRE	IRS	WEST COAST BANK	FEDERAL TAX LIABILITY	61,338.34
1435 03/16/2026	WIRE	WASH 1	WA DEPT OF RETIREMENT SYS	STATE RETIREMENT - PLAN 2	17,115.78
1436 03/16/2026	WIRE	WASH 7	WA STATE TREAS-MS: PO-11	DEFERRED COMPENSATION	12,457.01
1437 03/16/2026	WIRE	HRA	HRA VEBA TRUST CONTRIBUTI	VEBA MEDICAL SAVINGS	3,880.32
1438 03/16/2026	WIRE	DSHS	DSHS	DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL HEALTH SERVICES	162.41
128045 03/11/2026	CHK	ANIXTER	ANIXTER INC	ELECTRIC INVENTORY SUPPLIES	5,511.45
128046 03/11/2026	CHK	BUILDERS	BUILDERS FIRSTSOURCE, INC	WATER BUILDING SUPPLIES	928.90
128047 03/11/2026	CHK	CENTUR	CENTURYLINK	TELEPHONE CHARGES ACCT#333887863	1,326.70
128048 03/11/2026	CHK	COLONI	COLONIAL LIFE INSURANCE	SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE	601.89
128049 03/11/2026	CHK	CSM HEATING	CSM HEATING & COOLING	HEAT PUMP REBATE-121 N HERRING RD UNIT A	4,040.00
128050 03/11/2026	CHK	DON SMALL & S	DON SMALL & SONS OIL DIST	UNLEADED & DIESEL	2,610.39
128051 03/11/2026	CHK	68	MADISON DUNCAN	TRAVEL PER DIEM-WWB TRAINING	294.60
128052 03/11/2026	CHK	EDC	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	NW RIVERPARTNERS PRESENTATION EDC	500.00
128053 03/11/2026	CHK	G&G HEATING	G&G HEATING & AC	DUCTLESS HEAT PUMP-160 E RHODODENDRON LN	800.00
128054 03/11/2026	CHK	GE SOFTWARE	GE SOFTWARE INC DBA EKOS	EKOS FUEL SITE MODULE	80.00
128055 03/11/2026	CHK	GENPAC	GENERAL PACIFIC INC	ELECTRIC INVENTORY PARTS	75,763.14
128056 03/11/2026	CHK	GRAY	GRAY & OSBORNE, INC	MANZANITA RESERVOIR & BOOSTER	45,555.06
128057 03/11/2026	CHK	HDFOWL	HD FOWLER COMPANY	INDIAN BEACH PROJECT-DROP SHIP CHARGES	211.78
128058 03/11/2026	CHK	HOODSPORT AC	HOODSPORT ACE & LUMBER	PROPANE CYLINDER	52.10
128059 03/11/2026	CHK	LEMAY MOBILE	LEMAY MOBILE SHREDDING	(2) 65 GALLON SHRED	149.62
128060 03/11/2026	CHK	MARSH	MARSH MUNDORF PRATT & SUL	WPAG MONTHLY FEE	184.52
128061 03/11/2026	CHK	MASON CO GAR	MASON COUNTY GARBAGE	MONTHLY GARBAGE CHARGES	1,045.76
128062 03/11/2026	CHK	SHEL 2	MASON COUNTY JOURNAL	ELECTRICAL CONSTRATORS ROSTER-AD	1,072.12
128063 03/11/2026	CHK	NISC	NISC	PRINT SERVICES	15,955.45

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03/06/2026 To 03/19/2026

Bank Account: 4 - UMPQUA BANK - DISTRICT

Check / Tran Date	Pmt Type	Vendor	Vendor Name	Reference	Amount
128093 03/17/2026	CHK	EXTREME AUTO	EXTREME AUTO, LLC	VEHICLE #83-BODY WORK	11,509.47
128094 03/17/2026	CHK	MASON7	MASON COUNTY AUDITOR	(6)UTILITY EASEMENTS	1,827.00VOID
128095 03/17/2026	CHK	NWSS	NORTHWEST SAFETY SERVICE LLC	REPLACE LOST CHECK #128035 3/2/26	1,136.25
128096 03/17/2026	CHK	OGG, GARET	GARET OGG	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	350.00
128097 03/17/2026	CHK	ROSE	ROSE, MIKE	CLOTHING ALLOWANCE	350.00
128098 03/17/2026	CHK	SD MYERS	S.D. MYERS, LLC	TRANSFORMER INSPECTION & SAMPLING	7,311.00
128099 03/17/2026	CHK	TOTH & ASSOC	TOTH AND ASSOCIATES, INC	JORSTAD SUB, ELDON-DUCKABUSH, & JORSTAD	50,063.75
128100 03/17/2026	CHK	WPUDA	WASHINGTON PUD ASSOC.	2026 ANNUAL CONFERENCE & LUNCH (KRISTIN)	3,973.80
128101 03/17/2026	CHK	NAPA AUTO PA	WESTBAY NAPA AUTO PARTS	VEHICLE #64-LIGHT BULB & WASH CLOTHS	93.71
128102 03/18/2026	CHK	MASON7	MASON COUNTY AUDITOR	(5)UTILITY EASEMENTS	1,522.50
<b>Total Payments for Bank Account - 4 :</b>					(61) 2,653,762.39
<b>Total Voids for Bank Account - 4 :</b>					(1) 1,827.00
<b>Total for Bank Account - 4 :</b>					(62) 2,655,589.39
<b>Grand Total for Payments :</b>					(61) 2,653,762.39
<b>Grand Total for Voids :</b>					(1) 1,827.00
<b>Grand Total :</b>					(62) 2,655,589.39

Payroll/Labor

Check Register

Pay Date: 03/16/2026 To 03/17/2026

Empl Name	Pay Date	ir Dep/Check	Gross Pay	Net Pay Type
114 MICHAEL YORK	03/16/2026	128086		3,500.00 CHK
135 TIMOTHY BROWN	03/16/2026	128087		7,702.53 CHK
150 GARET A OGG	<u>03/16/2026</u>	<u>128088</u>		<u>2,415.27</u> CHK
				<b>13,617.80</b>

PARAMETERS ENTERED:

Pay Date:  
Check/Direct Deposit:  
Employee:  
Journal:  
  
Division:  
Format:  
Sort By:

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TRANSACTION DETAIL

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MAR 2026 To MAR 2026

Date	Journal Description	Actv BU Project	Mod	Jrnl Reference Code		
Account: 0 131.2 CASH-GENERAL FUND (DISTRICT)						
03/16/26	96350 Check Print	0	PL	2 PAYROLL	127,718.09	531,311.38

PARAMETERS ENTERED:

Division: All  
 Accounts: 0 131.2  
 Department: All  
 Activity: All  
 Sort By: Div/Acct  
 Date Selection: Period  
 Period: MAR 2026 To MAR 2026  
 Module: PL  
 Journal Activity: All  
 Accounts With No Transactions: Yes  
 Extended Reference: No  
 Interface Detail: No  
 Group by Department: Yes  
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GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: MASON COUNTY PUD #1

GENERAL MANAGER, CERTIFIES (IF BOARD APPROVES VIA MEETING MINUTES):

~~I, THE UNDERSIGNED, DO HEREBY CERTIFY UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT~~  
THE MATERIALS HAVE BEEN FURNISHED, THE SERVICES RENDERED, THE LABOR PERFORMED AS DESCRIBED, OR THAT ANY ADVANCE PAYMENT IS DUE AND PAYABLE PURSUANT TO A CONTRACT OR IS AVAILABE AS AN OPTION FOR FULL OR PARTIAL FULLFILLMENT OF A CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATION, AND THAT THE CLAIM IS JUST, DUE AND UNPAID OBLIGATION AGAINST MASON COUNTY PUD#1 AND THAT I AM AUTHORIZED TO AUTHENTICATE AND CERTIFY SAID CLAIM:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
TITLE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL:

WE THE UNDERSIGNED BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE ABOVE-NAMED GOVERNMENTAL UNIT DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE MERCHANDISE OR SERVICES HEREIN AFTER SPECIFIED HAVE BEEN RECEIVED AND THAT THE FOLLOWING INVOICES ARE APPROVED FOR PAYMENT.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_



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

N. 21971 Hwy. 101  
Shelton, Washington 98584

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner  
JACK JANDA, Commissioner  
RON GOLD, Commissioner

**STANDARD CLAIM FORM  
PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN INK**

Please return to:

General Manager  
21971 N. Hwy 101 Shelton, WA 98584

Business Hours: 8:00am - 5:00pm

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

1. CLAIMANT'S NAME:

Force Eric  
Last Name First Middle

2. RESIDENCE ADDRESS CURRENT ADDRESS:

176 Chaparral Dr, Grants Pass, OR 97526

3. MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT):

\_\_\_\_\_

4. RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS AT TIME OF INCIDENT:

176 Chaparral Dr, Grants Pass, OR 97526

5. CLAIMANT'S DAYTIME TELEPHONE: (360) 770-4476 (360) 770-4476  
Home Business

6. CLAIMANT'S E-MAIL ADDRESS eforce@asplundh.com

**INCIDENT INFORMATION**

7. DATE OF INCIDENT: 3 / 5 / 2026  
month day year

8. TIME: 4:00 A.M. (P.M.) (CIRCLE ONE)

9. IF THE INCIDENT OCCURRED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME PLEASE PROVIDED:

BEGINNING TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

ENDING TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
month day year

10. LOCATION OF INCIDENT:

HWY 101 just south of Brinnon  
Address/Street/Mile Post City County



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

N. 21971 Hwy. 101  
Shelton, Washington 98584

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner  
JACK JANDA, Commissioner  
RON GOLD, Commissioner

11. NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL PERSONS INVOLVED, OR WITNESS, TO THIS INCIDENT:

Alicia Force, 360-320-0998

12. NAMES, ADDRESSES, AND TELEPHONE NUMBERS OF ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES HAVING KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS INCIDENT (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY):

13. DISTRICT EMPLOYEE ALLEGEDLY RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGES/INJURY: Mike

14. DESCRIBE CONDUCT AND CIRCUMSTANCES CAUSING INJURY OR DAMAGES, EXPLAINING EXTENT OF MEDICAL, PHYSICAL, OR MENTAL INJURIES (ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS, IF NECESSARY):

The line truck came to rest in the ditch in the same area I had pulled off to get out of the way. When the truck came to rest, it lobbed up a basketball size chunk of mud toward my vehicle damaging the grill and fog light assembly.

15. LAW ENFORCEMENT/SECURITY/FIRE/EMERGENCY AGENCIES WHO RESPONDED TO THE INCIDENT (PLEASE INCLUDE REPORT OR CASE NUMBER IF AVAILABLE)

I was first on scene. After I confirmed the driver was ok and was able to get a call out I left the area so I wasn't a hazard on the roadway and needed to be somewhere.

16. NAME, ADDRESS, AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF TREATING PHYSICIAN(S) AND ATTACH COPIES OF MEDICAL REPORTS AND BILLINGS:

17. PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ANY DOCUMENTS, PICTURES, OR OTHER RECORDS THAT SUPPORT OR RELATE TO YOUR CLAIM. We will need you to provide the year, make and model for each item you claim was damaged such as appliances or vehicles.



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OF MASON COUNTY**

N. 21971 Hwy. 101  
Shelton, Washington 98584

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MIKE SHEETZ, Commissioner  
JACK JANDA, Commissioner  
RON GOLD, Commissioner

18. I / WE DO HEREBY CLAIM DAMAGES FROM \_\_\_\_\_ IN THE SUM OF \$ 761.50 .

This claim form must be signed either:

- (i) By the claimant, verifying the claim;
- (ii) Pursuant to a written power of attorney, by the attorney in fact for the claimant;
- (iii) By an attorney admitted to practice in Washington state on the claimant's behalf; or
- (iv) By a court-approved guardian or guardian ad litem on behalf of the claimant.

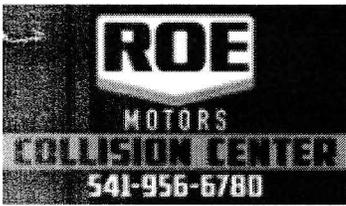
I certify or declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

<i>Eric Force</i>	3/12/26
Signature of Claimant	Date

**How your claim will be processed:**

1. Claimant submits claim and supporting material to the General Manager.
2. GM conducts an internal investigation to gather facts and review claim with senior staff team.
3. PUD attorney reviews claim and makes recommendation to either approve or deny the claim, or to send it to the PUD's insurance carrier for independent investigation and review.
4. After the investigation is completed, the claim is presented at following Board of Commissioners meeting for approval/denial if it does not need to be sent to the insurance carrier.
5. If the claim is denied, a letter is sent to the claimant explaining why it was denied.
6. If the claim is not initially denied by the Board of Commissioners, it will be sent to the PUD's insurance carrier for processing.
7. If the claim is approved, payment unless the amount is minimal, in which case it may be processed in the PUD's next accounting cycle.

No claims shall be considered without completion of the standard tort claim form and supporting documentation. No claims shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners without going through the investigation process, internal review and review by the PUD's attorney.



# Roe Motors Collision

Workfile ID:

8776efff

201 NE 7TH ST., GRANTS PASS, OR 97526

Phone: (541) 956-6780

FAX: (541) 956-4401

## Estimate

### RO Number:

Customer:	Insurance:	Adjuster:	Estimator:	Theresa Rambo
Force, Alicia		Phone:	Create Date:	3/11/2026
		Claim:		
		Loss Date:		
(360) 320-0998		Deductible:		

2015 DODG Durango Limited AWD 4D UTV 6-3.6L Flex Fuel Sequential MPI

VIN: 1C4RDJDG0FC837248	Interior Color:	Mileage In:	Vehicle Out:
License:	Exterior Color:	Mileage Out:	
State: OR	Production Date:	Condition:	Job #:

Line	Ver	Operation	Description	Qty	Extended Price \$	Part Type	Labor	Type	Paint
1	E01		<b>FRONT BUMPER</b>						
2	E01	Overhaul	O/H bumper assy			OEM	3.4	Body	
3	E01	Remove/Install	R&I bumper assy				0.0	Body	
4	E01	Remove/Replace	Lower cover w/chrome w/o body color	1	227.00	OEM	0.0	Body	
5	E01	Remove/Install	RT Trim bezel				0.0	Body	
6	E01	Remove/Install	LT Trim bezel				0.0	Body	
7	E01	Remove/Install	Lower grille w/o adaptive cruise				0.0	Body	
8	E01	Remove/Install	License bracket				0.2	Body	
9	E01		<b>GRILLE</b>						
10	E01	Remove/Install	R&I grille assy				0.3	Body	
11	E01		<b>FRONT LAMPS</b>						
12	E01	Remove/Install	RT Headlamp assy Halogen, w/o LED daytime light chrome bezel				0.4	Body	
13	E01	Remove/Install	LT Headlamp assy Halogen, w/o LED daytime light chrome bezel				0.4	Body	
14	E01	Remove/Install	RT Fog lamp assy				0.0	Body	
15	E01	Remove/Install	LT Fog lamp assy//inspect for damage				0.0	Body	
16	E01		<b>VEHICLE DIAGNOSTICS</b>						
17	E01	Repair	Pre-repair scan				0.5	Mech	
18	E01	Repair	Post-repair scan				0.5	Mech	

Estimate Totals	Discount \$	Markup \$	Rate \$	Total Hours	Total \$
Parts					227.00
Labor, Body			85.00	4.7	399.50
Labor, Mechanical			130.00	1.0	130.00
Material, Shop			5.00	1.0	5.00
<b>Subtotal</b>					<b>761.50</b>

T = Taxable Item, RPD = Related Prior Damage, AA = Appearance Allowance, UPD = Unrelated Prior Damage, PDR = Paintless Dent Repair, A/M = Aftermarket, Rechr = Rechromed, Reman = Remanufactured, OEM = New Original Equipment Manufacturer, Recor = Re-cored, RECOND = Reconditioned, LKQ = Like Kind Quality or Used, Diag = Diagnostic, Elec = Electrical, Mech = Mechanical, Ref = Refinish, Struc = Structural

**Estimate**

**RO Number:**

2015 DODG Durango Limited AWD 4D UTV 6-3.6L Flex Fuel Sequential MPI

Sales Tax	0.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>761.50</b>
<b>Net Total</b>	<b>761.50</b>

<b>Estimate Version</b>	<b>Total \$</b>
Original	761.50

Insurance Total \$:	761.50
Received from Insurance \$:	0.00
Balance due from Insurance \$:	761.50
Customer Total \$:	0.00
Received from Customer \$:	0.00
Balance due from Customer \$:	0.00

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## PUD1 – Executive Summary – February 2026

This report summarizes information on the current financial status of Mason County PUD No. 1 for the month of February 2026:

- **Work in Progress:**
  - Grant Applications – Ongoing
  - 2025 Annual Report – Internal
  - 2025 Annual Report – State Auditor (Due 05-30-26)
  - 2025 Form 7 (Due 03-31-26)
  - 2025 EIA Report (Due 04-30-26)
- **Completed Projects:**
  - 2026 Budget
  - 2025 Privilege Tax Return (Due 02-25-26)

### Financial Highlights:

- Revenue – Gross Revenue was \$1,415,603 the month of February 2026.
- Expenditures – Gross expenditures were \$1,164,748 for the month of February 2026.
- As of February, the PUD has \$767,138.42 grant reimbursements outstanding for ongoing projects, which is an equivalent of about 25 days of our cash on hand\*.

Financial Metrics as Compared with Prior Year:	February 2026	February 2025
Total General Cash and Investments	\$968,069	\$758,355
Current Ratio (Current Assets/Current Liabilities)	1.56 to 1	1.50 to 1
Debt Service Coverage (O&M/ Debt Service)	4.16	4.10
Long-Term Debt to Net Plant	18%	22%
Total Debt to Equity Ratio (Total Liabilities/Total Equity)	35%	34%
Long Term Debt to Equity Ratio (Long Term Debt / Total Equity)	21%	27%
Times Interest Earned Ratio (Earnings before Interest & Taxes/Total Interest)	6.55	7.16
Cash on Hand (Total Available Cash/Average Daily Costs) <b>*Includes Days Cash on Hand from Outstanding Grant Reimbursements</b>	80 Days (General) 147 Days (All Funds)	62 Days (General) 155 Days (All Funds)



## Mason County PUD No 1

*Budget Summary by Division For the Month Ended February 28, 2026*

	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 1,170,338.06	\$ 244,289.59	\$ 975.34	\$ 1,415,602.99
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 1,183,999.00	\$ 252,886.72	\$ 977.53	\$ 1,437,863.25
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ (13,660.94)	\$ (8,597.13)	\$ (2.19)	\$ (22,260.26)
<b>% of Budget</b>	99%	97%	100%	98%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 952,981.84	\$ 211,663.49	\$ 102.82	\$ 1,164,748.15
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 1,105,019.80	\$ 209,547.91	\$ 300.91	\$ 1,314,868.62
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ (152,037.96)	\$ 2,115.58	\$ (198.09)	\$ (150,120.47)
<b>% of Budget</b>	86%	101%	34%	89%
<b>Net Operating Margins</b>	\$ 217,356.22	\$ 32,626.10	\$ 872.52	\$ 250,854.84
<b>Budgeted</b>	\$ 78,979.20	\$ 43,338.81	\$ 676.62	\$ 122,994.63
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ 138,377.02	\$ (10,712.71)	\$ 195.90	\$ 127,860.21
<b>% of Budget</b>	275%	75%	129%	204%



## Mason County PUD No 1

Budget Summary by Division for the Two Months Ended February 28, 2026

	<u>Electric</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Totals</u>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	\$ 2,496,453.63	\$ 489,383.50	\$ 1,954.37	\$ 2,987,791.50
<b>2026 Budget</b>	\$ 12,081,264.99	\$ 3,242,799.39	\$ 11,732.00	\$ 15,335,796.38
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ (9,584,811.36)	\$ (2,753,415.89)	\$ (9,777.63)	\$ (12,348,004.88)
<b>% of Budget</b>	21%	15%	17%	19%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	\$ 2,051,423.67	\$ 429,488.17	\$ 202.37	\$ 2,481,114.21
<b>2026 Budget</b>	\$ 11,739,190.50	\$ 2,820,792.90	\$ 9,098.00	\$ 14,569,081.40
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ (9,687,766.83)	\$ (2,391,304.73)	\$ (8,895.63)	\$ (12,087,967.19)
<b>% of Budget</b>	17%	15%	2%	17%
<b>Net Operating Margins</b>	\$ 445,029.96	\$ 59,895.33	\$ 1,752.00	\$ 506,677.29
<b>2026 Budget</b>	\$ 342,074.49	\$ 422,006.49	\$ 2,634.00	\$ 766,714.98
<b>Difference (-/+)</b>	\$ 102,955.47	\$ (362,111.16)	\$ (882.00)	\$ (260,037.69)
<b>% of Budget</b>	130%	14%	67%	66%
<b>Cash Flow</b>				
<b>Beginning Cash (General Fund)</b>	<b>57,899.65</b>	<b>95,251.43</b>	<b>4,195.20</b>	<b>157,346.28</b>
Net Operating Margin (Excluding Depreciation)	2,381,967.23	1,368,415.25	1,752.00	3,752,134.48
Cash Transferred to / from Special Funds	(329,296.62)	(166,325.05)	(68.73)	(495,690.40)
Change in Accounts Receivable	(10,729.91)	62,631.60	(1,683.27)	50,218.42
Change in Accounts Payable	(1,042,831.22)	34,940.58	0.00	(1,007,890.64)
Cash Expended on Utility Plant	(7,947.89)	(8,719.55)	0.00	(16,667.44)
Change in CWIP	(180,539.01)	(1,290,842.83)	0.00	(1,471,381.84)
<b>Ending Cash (General Fund)</b>	<b>868,522.23</b>	<b>95,351.43</b>	<b>4,195.20</b>	<b>968,068.86</b>



**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACT**

**CHANGE ORDER FORM**

NO. 01

The following changes are hereby incorporated into this Contract:

A. Description of Change:  
Reduction in cost, no longer needing to install fencing.

B. Contract Price Adjustment:

As a result of this Change Order, the total Contract shall be increased/**decreased** by the sum of \$25,255.00, plus sales tax, which the amount Contractor acknowledges is full and complete compensation for the Contract Work including changes incorporated by this Change Order.

This Change Order shall not provide any basis for any other payments to or claims by the Contractor as a result of or arising out of the performance of the work described herein. The new total revised Contract Price is \$4,040,430.42, including sales tax.

C. Time of Completion:

The time of completion shall be increased/decreased by 0 calendar days.

D. Except as specifically provided herein, all other Contract terms and conditions shall remain unchanged.

**CONTRACTOR**

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

Company: Rognlin's, Inc

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



321 WEST STATE STREET  
P.O. BOX 307  
ABERDEEN, WA 98520-0078  
PHONE (360) 532-5220  
FAX (360) 532-5761

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## CHANGE ORDER PROPOSAL

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**PROJECT: Mason PUD 1 - Manzanita Reservoir and Booster PS**

**DATE: 3/16/2026**

**TO: Shari Gaer**

**COP # 5**

**SUBJECT: Fencing Deduct**

**WE OFFER OUR PROPOSAL FOR THE WORK BELOW.**

Deduct fencing entirely per owners request

**TOTAL \$ (25,255.00)**

ACCEPTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

BY: \_\_\_\_\_

CRAIG ESPEDAL  
PROJECT MANAGER

# LADUE FENCING, INC.

CONTRACT # **4006**

P.O. BOX 1035 • MCCLEARY, WA 98557 • 360.495.4144  
 LICENSED & BONDED • CONT. LIC. # LADUEFI844RG

START DATE \_\_\_\_\_

APPROX. COMP. \_\_\_\_\_

CUSTOMER Reggins

JOB NAME mason P.u.d PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 321 W. State Street

JOB ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY Aberdeen, WA ZIP 98520

ATT: Craig Espedal

PHONE 360-532-5220 DATE 6-3-25

WORK PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS  INSIDE CITY LIMITS

## SPECIFICATIONS

## DIAGRAM

OVERALL FOOTAGE <u>570'</u>	GALVANIZED FABRIC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
HEIGHT <u>6</u>	VINYL COATED FABRIC <input type="checkbox"/>	
GAUGE <u>9</u>	POSTS:	
LINE POST <u>2 3/8 SCH 40</u>	PRESS, TREATED WOOD <input type="checkbox"/>	
TERM POST <u>2 7/8 SCH 40</u>	GALVANIZED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
WALK GATES _____	COLOR ENAMEL <input type="checkbox"/>	
VEHICLE GATE <u>1 20'</u>	IN CONCRETE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
SLIDER <input type="checkbox"/> DOUBLE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	VERTICAL PICKETS <input type="checkbox"/>	
SWING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SINGLE <input type="checkbox"/>	COLOR:	
WALK GATE POST _____	INSTALLED <input type="checkbox"/>	
DRIVE GATE POST <u>4" SCH 40</u>	MATERIALS ONLY <input type="checkbox"/>	
GATE FRAME <u>1 7/8 LG 40</u>	- NOTES -	
TOP RAIL <u>1 5/8 LG 40</u>		
TENSION WIRE <u>Bottom Rail</u>		
- FENCE TO FOLLOW -		
GROUND CONTOUR		
STRAIGHT ON TOP <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
LINES TO BE CLEARED BY CUSTOMERS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
LINES TO BE CLEARED BY LADUE FENCING, INC.		
CUSTOMER TO BE AT JOB SITE FOR INITIAL SETTING OF POSTS FIRST DAY ONLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Per Plans

CUSTOMERS HEREBY ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE LOCATION OF THE LINE UPON WHICH SAID FENCE MATERIALS ARE TO BE INSTALLED, AND AGREES TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ADDITIONAL LABOR AND/OR MATERIALS NECESSARY TO REMOVE OR RELOCATE ANY PLUMBING, ELECTRICAL CABLES OR ANY OTHER UNDERGROUND INSTALLATION. CUSTOMERS ALSO ASSUMES FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY BUILDING PERMITS THAT MAY BE REQUIRED OR INFORMATION REGARDING SAME.

CUSTOMERS AGREES TO DEFEND, HOLD HARMLESS AND INDEMNIFY LADUE FENCING, INC. FROM AND AGAINST ALL CLAIMS, LIABILITIES AND EXPENSES FOR INJURY, DEATH OR DAMAGE TO PERSONS, PROPERTY DAMAGE, TRESPASS AND ALL OTHER DAMAGE OR LOSS ARISING OUT OF THE INSTALLATION OR LOCATIONS OF SAID FENCE MATERIALS.

- WE PROPOSE HEREBY TO FURNISH MATERIAL AND LABOR - COMPLETE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE SPECIFICATIONS.  
 - THE SALE IS FOR CASH ON "COMPLETION" WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS OF THE DATE OF COMPLETION OF WORK DESIGNATED HEREIN.  
 - IN THE EVENT THAT THE PURCHASER SHALL FAIL TO PAY WHEN DUE ANY AMOUNT OWED UNDER THIS CONTRACT, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PAY A DELINQUENCY CHARGE OF ONE PERCENT (1%) PER MONTH ON THE UNPAID BALANCE OF HIS ACCOUNT. FURTHER, IF THE CONTRACT SHALL BE PLACED IN THE HANDS OF AN ATTORNEY FOR COLLECTION, OR IF SUIT SHALL BE BROUGHT TO COLLECT ANY UNPAID BALANCE DUE HEREIN, THE PURCHASER AGREES TO PAY A REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEE.  
 - ANY ADDITIONAL TRIPS DUE TO CHARGES IN THE JOB PLAN PER CUSTOMER REQUEST, AND ANY WORK OR MATERIALS DELIVERED OR INSTALLED IN ADDITION TO THAT PROPOSED HEREIN, SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN ADDITIONAL CHARGE AND WILL BE BILLED AT THE CURRENT RATE.  
 - WE REQUEST A 24 HOUR NOTICE ON ANY CANCELED ORDER. THERE MAY BE RESTOCKING FEE AND/OR TRIP CHARGE FOR ANY CANCELED ORDER.  
 - THE PARTIES FURTHER AGREE THAT IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER RIGHTS THAT THE SELLER MAY HAVE, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE SAME, THAT SELLER MAY CLAIM AN LIEN ON THE PREMISES UPON WHICH THE WITHIN MATERIAL AND SUPPLIES ARE TO BE INSTALLED, FOR SAID MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES, AND THAT PURCHASER WAIVES NOTICE OF SAME.

NOTE: THIS PROPOSAL MAY BE WITHDRAWN BY US IF NOT ACCEPTED WITH IN \_\_\_\_\_ DAYS.

AGENT SIGNATURE [Signature]

CUSTOMER SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

PRICE 25,255<sup>00</sup> OPTION \_\_\_\_\_  
 SALES TAX \_\_\_\_\_ PRICE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SALES TAX \_\_\_\_\_ SALES TAX \_\_\_\_\_  
 TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THE DOWN PAYMENT IF APPLICABLE. WE DO NOT ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS.

TERMS:  PAYMENT DUE IN FULL UPON COMPLETION.  
 1/2 DOWN TO START, BALANCE DUE UPON COMPLETION.

## WPUDA Educational Scholarship Form

### Scholarship Nominee:

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Affiliated PUD \_\_\_\_\_  
Employee: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Current School: \_\_\_\_\_  
GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

### PUD Nominator(s):

PUD: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Main Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Attach to this application:

- Essay (max 2000 words) on one of the following utility topics - energy, wastewater, drinking water, broadband telecommunication, customer service, or renewables.
- Short personal statement highlighting extracurricular activities.
- Copy of the most current transcript (unofficial accepted)

## Q1 2026 WRITE-OFF TO COLLECTIONS

FBI 09/30/25

Customer	Account	Provider	Sort Name	Total AR	Connect Dt	Disconn Dt	Final Bill Dt	Reason
208463	1133801	PUDEL	BYRD NATHANIEL	\$ 314.62	1/21/2025	9/9/2025	9/26/2025	Moved
2235	3559200	PUDEL	TUSO FREDRICK III	\$ 306.46	1/1/1985	5/6/2025	7/26/2025	House Fire
205302	4019603	PUDEL	LEMON JASON	\$ 572.46	8/31/2018	8/6/2025	8/26/2025	DNP Cutoff
5969	7465800	PUDEL	OIEN RON	\$ 829.89	12/5/1991	6/10/2025	6/26/2025	DNP Cutoff
203879	10311905	PUDEL	MILES JADON	\$ 157.46	4/8/2025	6/5/2025	6/26/2025	Moved
208121	10418209	PUDEL	RIHTARICH MICHAEL	\$ 354.88	3/14/2024	7/22/2025	7/26/2025	Moved
208121	10418209	PUDWA	RIHTARICH MICHAEL	\$ 195.87	3/14/2024	7/22/2025	7/26/2025	Moved
5758	10883700	PUDWA	FIEDLER ROBERT	\$ 68.14	6/19/1997	3/17/2025	4/26/2025	Moved
208096	11540204	PUDEL	FORDE ETHAN	\$ 893.63	2/20/2024	8/6/2025	8/26/2025	DNP Cutoff
12600	12132710	PUDEL	LEONARD DEBRA L	\$ 94.18	6/3/2008	8/27/2025	9/26/2025	Moved
12600	12132710	PUDWA	LEONARD DEBRA L	\$ 61.35	6/3/2008	8/27/2025	9/26/2025	Moved
207764	20255403	PUDWA	DOLINSKI TRINITY	\$ 412.36	6/13/2023	8/6/2025	8/26/2025	DNP Cutoff
<b>Total Proposed to go to Collections</b>				<b>\$ 4,261.30</b>				

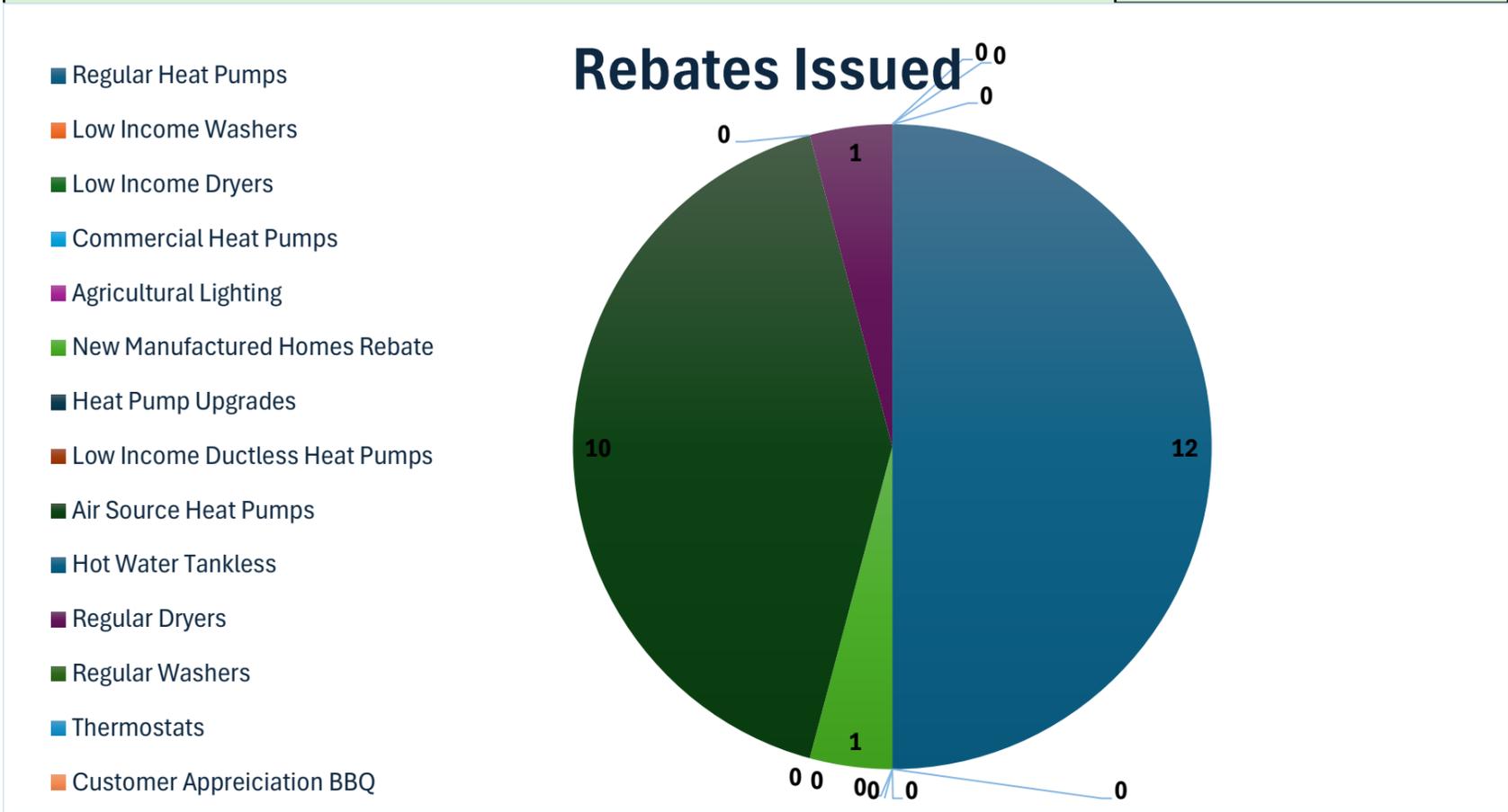
10550	8500101	PUDEL	ERNST CHARLES	\$ 536.81	4/11/2006	5/22/2025	5/26/2025	Deceased
10550	8500101	PUDWA	ERNST CHARLES	\$ 209.32	4/11/2006	5/22/2025	5/26/2025	Deceased
201425	8842703	PUDEL	ORR JOHN	\$ 261.50	8/10/2004	5/14/2025	5/26/2025	Deceased
206225	20231101	PUDWA	WOLFE GRAYE A	\$ 390.17	6/12/2020	5/7/2025	5/26/2025	Deceased
3391	10821700	PUDEL	SISSON KATHARINE A	\$ 222.02	6/26/2013	6/11/2025	6/26/2025	Deceased
3391	10821700	PUDWA	SISSON KATHARINE A	\$ 146.57	6/26/2013	6/11/2025	6/26/2025	Deceased
<b>Total Deceased to Write Off</b>				<b>\$ 1,766.39</b>				

11 PUDEL  
 7 PUDWA  
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 18 TOTAL

\$ 4,261.30	Proposed to go to Collections
\$ 1,766.39	Proposed to Write Off (Deceased)
<b>\$ 6,027.69</b>	<b>Grand Total</b>

4 DNP Cutoff  
 1 House Fire  
 7 Moved  
 0 Business Sold  
 6 Deceased  
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 18 Total

Oct 2025 thru Sept 2029 EEI BUDGET		\$ 281,970.00
Category	Rebates Issued	Total \$ Value
Regular Heat Pumps	12	\$10,560.00
Low Income Washers	0	\$ -
Low Income Dryers	0	\$ -
Commercial Heat Pumps	0	\$ -
Agricultural Lighting	0	\$ -
New Manufactured Homes Rebate	1	\$1,200
Heat Pump Upgrades	0	\$ -
Low Income Ductless Heat Pumps	0	\$ -
Air Source Heat Pumps	10	\$14,170
Hot Water Tankless	0	\$ -
Regular Dryers	1	\$50
Regular Washers	0	\$ -
Thermostats	0	\$ -
Customer Appreciation BBQ	0	\$ -
<b>Total Rebates Issued to Date</b>		<b>\$ 25,980.00</b>



**Washington State Military Department  
HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT AGREEMENT FACE SHEET**

1. Subrecipient Name and Address: <b>Mason County PUD No. 1 21971 N. US Hwy 101 Shelton, WA 98584</b>		2. Total Grant Amount (excl. SubMC): <b>\$1,075,034.38</b> State: <b>\$134,379.29</b> Federal: <b>\$806,275.79</b> Local: <b>\$134,379.30</b> SubMC: <b>\$24,984.00</b>		3. Grant Number: (Contract Number)	
4. Subrecipient Contact, phone/email: <b>Katie Arnold, 360-877-5249 karnold@mason-pud1.org</b>		5. Grant Start Date: <b>February 27, 2026</b>		6. Grant End Date: <b>May 30, 2028</b>	
7. Department Program Manager, phone/email: <b>Tim Cook, (253) 512-7072 tim.cook@mil.wa.gov</b>		8. Unique Entity ID (UEI): <b>KD7HQJF4JNC9</b>		9. UBI # (state revenue): <b>(UBI #) 232-000-374</b>	
10. Funding Authority: <b>Washington State Military Department</b> (the "DEPARTMENT"), and <b>Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)</b>					
11. Federal Funding Identification #: <b>DR-5456-WA 5456-04-R</b>		12. Federal Award Date: <b>February 27, 2026</b>		13. Assistance Listing # & Title: <b>97.039 (HMGP)</b>	
14. Program Index # & OBJ/SUB-OBJ: <b>(Fed) 744FF NZ, (State) 742FS NZ, (SubMC) 744FL</b>			15. TIN or SSN: <b>(TIN) 91-6001048</b>		
16. Service Districts: (BY LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT): <b>35</b> (BY CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT): <b>6</b>		17. Service Area by County(ies): <b>Mason</b>		18. Women/Minority-Owned, State Certified?: N/A NO YES, OMWBE # _____	
19. Contract Classification: Personal Services <input type="checkbox"/> Client Services <input type="checkbox"/> Public/Local Gov't <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Research/Development <input type="checkbox"/> A/E <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____			20. Contract Type (check all that apply): Contract <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental (RCW 39.34) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Intagency <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agreement		
21. Contractor Selection Process: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> "To all who apply & qualify" Competitive Bidding Sole Source A/E RCW N/A Filed w/OFM? Advertised? YES NO _____			22. Contractor Type (check all that apply): <input type="checkbox"/> Private Organization/Individual <input type="checkbox"/> For-Profit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Organization/Jurisdiction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> VENDOR <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SUBRECIPIENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER		
23. PURPOSE/DESCRIPTION: FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program provides grants for mitigation planning and cost-effective mitigation actions after a Presidential disaster declaration to reduce the risk of loss of life and property damage in future disasters. <b>Title: Mason County PUD1 Fuels Reduction Project.</b> The purpose of this Agreement is to provide funds to the SUBRECIPIENT for the herein proposed project as noted in Statement of Work and/or Description of the Project (Attachment 3), Project Development Schedule (Attachment 4), Project Budget (Attachment 5), and the FEMA approved project application, each of which are incorporated herein by this reference. The DEPARTMENT is the Recipient and Pass-through Entity of the <b>5456-04-R Mason County PUD1 Fuels Reduction Project</b> and FEMA State Agreement, which are incorporated by reference, and makes a subaward of Federal award funds to the SUBRECIPIENT pursuant to this Agreement. The SUBRECIPIENT is accountable to the DEPARTMENT for use of Federal award funds provided under this Agreement and the associated matching funds.					
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the DEPARTMENT and SUBRECIPIENT acknowledge and accept the terms of this Agreement, including all referenced attachments which are hereby incorporated and made a part hereof, and have executed this Agreement as of the date below. This Agreement Face Sheet; Special Terms & Conditions (Attachment 1); General Terms and Conditions (Attachment 2); Statement of Work and/or Description of Project (Attachment 3); Project Development Schedule (Attachment 4); Project Budget (Attachment 5); and all other documents, exhibits and attachments expressly referenced and incorporated herein contain all the terms and conditions agreed upon by the parties and govern the rights and obligations of the parties to this Agreement. No other understandings, oral or otherwise, regarding the subject matter of this Agreement shall be deemed to exist or to bind any of the parties.					
In the event of an inconsistency in this Agreement, unless otherwise provided herein, the inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence in the following order: <b>1. Applicable Federal and State Statutes and Regulations</b> <b>4. Special Terms and Conditions</b> <b>2. DHS/FEMA Award and program documents</b> <b>5. General Terms and Conditions, and,</b> <b>3. Work Plan, Schedule, and Budget</b> <b>6. Other provisions of the Agreement incorporated by reference</b>					
WHEREAS the parties hereto have executed this Agreement on the day and year last specified below.					
FOR THE DEPARTMENT:			FOR THE SUBRECIPIENT:		
Signature _____ Date _____ Seth Nickerson, Chief Financial Officer Washington State Military Department			Signature _____ Date _____ <b>(Name of Official)</b> <b>(Official's Title)</b>		
BOILERPLATE APPROVED AS TO FORM: <u>Dierk Meierbachtol</u> 4/4/2023 Assistant Attorney General			APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____ Date		

# WOMEN IN POWER IN POWER

A Q&A WITH WOMEN LEADING PUBLIC POWER UTILITIES



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By Nina Rydalch

*Nina Rydalch is the communications manager for NWPPA*

📅 March 10, 2026



**T**his Women's History Month, we celebrate all the women whose work is shaping public power today. Women across the industry play vital roles in serving their communities and advancing the mission of public power. In this Q&A, we are honored to feature the perspectives of 11 women who are leading public power utilities across the West: Lisa Atkin, Libby Calnon, Susan Cutrell, Annette Creekpaum, Jackie Flowers, Lindsay Forepaugh, Billi Kohler, Kristin Masteller, Jaime Matthews, Mandip Samra, and Annie Terracciano.



*Columbia Power Cooperative General Manager Lisa Atkin confers with Central Electric CEO Brad Wilson ahead of CPC's annual meeting.*

### **NWPPA: Who inspired you to be a leader and how do you pay that forward?**

**Calnon:** So many people. There are inspiring people in every corner of our industry. I learned the benefit of collaboration over competition from NWPPA's CXO, Brenda Dunn, while serving on the NWPPA Northwest Innovations in Communications Conference Planning Committee. Sarah Johnson of Clatskanie PUD is someone I look up to for how she shows up to support her team and her community. The recently retired Humaira Falkenberg from Pacific County PUD models inclusivity and values-based decision-making. She is also amazing at putting minor frustrations into proper perspective and at making room at the table for a diverse set of voices. I try to model what I have learned from great leaders in how I show up to serve at my own co-op and in my other roles within public power.

**Creekpaum:** My mentor was Ed Blakemore, former manager of Mason PUD 3. He believed in me early in my career and encouraged me to grow into leadership roles. I try to pay that forward by mentoring others, focusing on succession planning, and creating opportunities for staff to develop and move into new roles, just as others once did for me.

**Flowers:** Over nearly 35 years of professional work, I have learned from many leaders whose practices have influenced my approach, including what to do and what not to do. I have taken many leadership courses and read many books over the years, but early sponsorship by elected officials who saw strengths I hadn't recognized propelled me into executive roles and shaped my leadership philosophy. I pay it forward by working to create and maintain a safe, respectful workplace that fosters engagement, appreciation, and a sense of belonging. I take ownership of morale and psychological safety, stay visible and accessible, and listen deeply. I sponsor emerging leaders, especially women, by advocating for stretch roles, mentoring, and celebrating achievements. I also lend my support to convene and amplify talent across our utility and community, opening pathways into the trades and engineering.

**Cutrell:** My late stepmother inspired me to be a leader through her resilience, compassion, and ability to guide others with strength and empathy. I pay it forward by mentoring and supporting those around me. I believe in leading by example to show that leadership is about lifting others up, creating synergy, and accomplishing goals.

**Samra:** Phyllis Currie, the Pasadena general manager when I was there in 2004, inspired me. She was a strong general manager and a mother. She gave me hope that you could balance both.



*Annette Creekpaum speaks during a Mason PUD 3 all-staff meeting.*

**NWPPA: How do you build trust and alignment across your organization?**

**Matthews:** Building trust doesn't happen overnight. Long before stepping into the CEO role, I worked to help shape our cooperative's culture by creating clarity around a shared vision and direction. Prioritizing employee development; accountability; and open, transparent communication have

been essential to strengthening trust throughout the organization.

**Terracciano:** It's important to hire the right people and then set them up for success. We provide employees with the tools and resources they need to do their job, set clear expectations, and provide guidance and support when it's needed. I'm transparent with employees, meeting with them on a regular basis and keeping them informed about what's happening at the cooperative, especially on issues that will impact them more directly. We place priority on taking care of our employees. When you can take care of those within your organization—whether that's investing in safety on the job or providing benefits to keep their families well—they are better able to take care of those you are serving.

**Kohler:** Our mission is to provide our members with safe and reliable service while keeping rates as affordable as possible, and that is deeply embedded in our culture. That mission is supported by the highly skilled and dedicated staff at WOEC. We work to build trust and alignment through thoughtful planning and moving with purpose. We prioritize providing our teams with the proper processes, tools, and resources they need to be successful in their role and helping them understand not only what we are doing, but why we are doing it.

**Masteller:** I chose people to be on our leadership team that are experts in their fields and feed off our organizational culture and relationships. I want to work with people who are excited about the work we do for our customers, and I want them to feel empowered to make good decisions for their respective work groups and for our customers. It also helps that they are all way smarter than I am. They have a lot of autonomy, but we are really cohesive as a team across all departments and we help each other out. Good communication and organization and having each other's backs in the good times and the challenging times is what makes us so effective. They instill this culture in the departments that they each lead as well.

**Cutrell:** I build trust and alignment across the organization by being transparent, consistent, and approachable. It's important to communicate openly about goals and decisions and to actively listen to different perspectives. Fostering collaboration, so everyone feels included and aligned toward the same vision, has been very beneficial.

**NWPPA: What have been the most rewarding aspects of leading?**

**Flowers:** The most rewarding part of leadership is watching people grow, leveraging their expertise and ingenuity to overcome real-world challenges. It's inspiring to see the impact they make in everyday work and in career-defining moments. I'm especially fulfilled when I can walk alongside someone as they stretch into a new role or opportunity and discover what they're capable of, particularly when they begin by overcoming self-doubt.



*Jackie Flowers (third from right) walks with others during a tour of the utility's Green River Filtration Facility.*

**Creekpau:** Building a strong, financially stable utility that delivers reliable service and affordable rates has been incredibly rewarding. I'm especially proud of our focus on preventative maintenance, long-term planning, and preparing the PUD to adapt and thrive amid rapid industry change.

**Matthews:** Watching others grow and develop has been the most rewarding part of leading our team. I genuinely enjoy seeing individuals build confidence, learn new skills, and step into leadership roles. As a cooperative, another aspect I value deeply is meeting with our members, the very foundation of why we exist. Being connected to and serving the community in a meaningful way is truly a highlight.

**Forepaugh:** For me, the best part of being a leader is seeing those around you have “aha!” moments. When a member of the team has worked tirelessly on something and has struggled, whether I was involved in helping them see the situation from a different perspective or not, when that individual figured it out and is beaming with pride—those are the days that make leading a team worth it.

**Cutrell:** The most rewarding aspects of leading public power includes serving a mission I believe in and making a direct positive impact on the community. It’s deeply fulfilling to foster a strong, positive culture where employees feel valued and supported, and to see that translate into increased productivity and reliable service for our members and consumers.



*Kristin Masteller (left) stands with Mason County PUD No. 1’s community partners from Union Fire District during the PUD’s annual customer appreciation event.*

**Masteller:** Watching our team members grow into leaders—especially the women. For a while, we had an all-female leadership team. Some of our management team members came up out of the bargaining unit and stepped into leadership roles and the others were in mid-level positions and they just took on more responsibilities and really shined. I could see they had the capacity and the drive to move us forward and help create the workplace culture that we needed to succeed,

so I invited them to move into the leadership positions.

### **NWPPA: What challenges have you had to overcome?**

**Samra:** I had to adjust rates by double digits, something BWP has never done, and I received unanimous approval; I was also able to add additional critical staff to the team. We had several emergencies—including the injury of a team member, the windstorms, and fires—that required me to publicly address situations and ensure reliability. Another challenge has been working with others who are not open to change.

**Matthews:** Workforce recruitment has been a big challenge due to several planned retirements. I view this as an opportunity to bring exceptional new talent onto the team. Like many utilities facing aging infrastructure and rising capital needs, it’s critical to have a long-term strategy.

**Calnon:** Like many women, I've had moments of being underestimated; I still have them. Over time, I've learned that credibility comes from preparation, integrity, and results—not volume. I've also observed that women leaders are scrutinized more closely than their male counterparts, even by other women. Realizing how prevalent this is has led me to build a strong network of leaders—both women and men—who support women in all roles.

**Flowers:** Aside from coming to Tacoma from Florida the night before my interview, realizing my luggage was lost and only having my “cheer mom” outfit from attending my daughter’s national cheer competition in Orlando? Needless to say, a wardrobe change was necessary. Joking aside, as a woman who has worked in traditionally male-dominated industries, I’ve faced a range of challenges, often as the only woman in the room; things have changed in 35 years. As my leadership and self-awareness have matured, I recognize that early in my career I focused on proving myself and may have missed opportunities to encourage other women to claim their seat at the table and be heard. I’m grateful for the many male mentors who supported me, and I acknowledge that my title and early ascent into leadership gave me access others didn’t always have. Today, I’m deeply aware of the responsibility that comes with positional authority. I actively monitor dynamics around the proverbial table and work to ensure all voices are heard. My experiences, along with those who have shared their experiences, fuel my commitment to a culture where respect, psychological safety, and belonging are nonnegotiable, and where leaders intentionally sponsor women and underrepresented colleagues.

**Atkin:** As Oregon’s smallest electric utility, challenges are a daily occurrence, from available resources to enough time in the day. The most significant challenge to date at CPC has been the devastating wildfires of the summer of 2024, where over 18% of the 3,122 square miles of CPC service territory was consumed by hot raging fires and high winds. With an employee base of just 12 staff, including five lineworkers, resources were beyond stretched for several weeks around the clock.

**Kohler:** One of the biggest challenges I faced was stepping into this role at a relatively young age and through a nontraditional path. But that unconventional journey is also a strength. It allows me to challenge assumptions, learn, listen, and lead with humility. I am very privileged to work alongside a strong team whose experience is complementary to my own.

**NWPPA: What advice do you have for women who want to pursue leadership positions in public power?**

**Terracciano:** We need more women in the industry. Although women make up slightly more than half of the U.S. population, we have a small percentage of women in public power. Leadership means using your skills, judgment, and integrity to serve others. Increasing the number of women leaders will ensure better representation in the decisions that impact all of us.

**Calnon:** Go for it and be prepared to work to get there. Say yes to the stretch assignment. Learn the financials. Ask questions. Volunteer for committees. Don’t give up when you don’t get picked; just keep going. Keep learning and keep building your network—programs like

NWPPA's Leadership Skills Series and Women in Public Power Conference create space for women to sharpen skills, share experiences, and lift one another up. Public power needs more women at every level.

**Atkin:** Learn to embrace and love change, as the only thing you can be certain of in a public power career is nothing will stay the same. That's the challenge, but it is also incredibly fun.

**Masteller:** Don't be intimidated. Work hard, learn as much as you can, take on all new challenges offered to you, lean on trusted mentors, and advocate for yourself and what you bring to the table. The dynamic now is much different than when I started in 2011. I used to be one of maybe two or three women at the table in various industry meetings, and now there's much more of a balance. There are many more female CEOs and directors across public power now as well over the last decade.

**Forepaugh:** My advice for women who want to pursue leadership in public power is the same advice I would give to anyone. First, find an organization whose values align with your own. Second, focus on doing the best work you can every day. Third, help the people around you succeed, because leadership is built on trust and relationships. From there, I would advise someone not wait until they feel fully ready to step forward. Many people wait until they check every box, but public power needs strong leaders who are willing to learn quickly and grow into the role. Find mentors and advocates, build relationships across the industry, and remember you do not have to lead like anyone else. The best leaders stay grounded in the mission, communicate clearly, and make long-term decisions with responsibility.

**Samra:** Sometimes you can't have it all—you have to prioritize what is important. It is hard to balance being a leader, a mom, and a spouse. Things will not be A-plus in all categories. You have to be okay with missing out on major personal events/milestones to lead the organization. It is also important to have a team that you can trust—so the time without your family/missing milestones is few and far between.

**NWPPA: What excites you most about the future of public power?**

**Atkin:** There is never room for boredom. It is a dynamic and continually evolving market sector, and those of us engaged in the public power field get the pleasure to grow with it, too.



*Mandip Samra (third from left) became the general manager of Burbank Water & Power in 2024.*



Annie Terracciano speaks at NLI's 2015 annual meeting.

**Kohler:** I am excited that we are not standing still. We are actively shaping what comes next. We're facing real challenges in the Pacific Northwest with rapid load growth, changing market conditions, extreme weather events, wildfire risk, and the pressure to keep our rates affordable while modernizing our infrastructure. Those aren't small issues. The collaboration we see across public power is really powerful, and it's a privilege to work

alongside today's leaders and the next generation as we navigate these challenges together to best serve our communities.

**Terracciano:** What excites me most about the future of public power is our ability to innovate while staying rooted in the communities we serve. Electric cooperatives are uniquely positioned to adopt new technologies, improve reliability, and explore energy solutions in ways that directly reflect local priorities. That balance—forward-thinking innovation paired with a deep commitment to our members—is what makes public power resilient and relevant.

**Creekpaum:** The people. The leaders and employees in public power today are talented, innovative, and deeply committed to their communities. I'm excited about the continued focus on cost-based rates, local control, and the ability of public power to adapt and serve communities well into the future.

**Forepaugh:** What excites me about the future of public power is that we are entering a moment where we can modernize the grid while staying deeply rooted in why public power exists in the first place—affordability, reliability, and service to our communities. And as the industry continues to change, that mission matters more than ever.



**Lisa Atkin**  
*General Manager*  
*Columbia Power Cooperative (Oregon)*

Lisa Atkin started her public power career at the Eugene Water & Electric Board 16 years ago. At EWEB, she held positions across multiple departments and developed a comprehensive understanding

of electric utility operations. Her experience spans regional coordination, governmental affairs, and the interconnected relationships that support reliable service. She brought this experience with her to Columbia Power Cooperative, where she has served as the CEO/general manager for the past four years.



**Libby Calnon**

*General Manager & CEO  
Hood River Electric & Internet Co-op  
(Oregon)*

Libby Calnon was drawn to public power by the opportunity to provide essential services that directly benefit communities. She began her career 28 years ago in communications and steadily expanded her experience through roles in community relations, business development, emergency management, and governance. After 15 years in the industry, she knew she wanted to pursue a role as general manager for a small utility. To work toward her goal, she earned her MBA, a second bachelor's degree in human resources, and a graduate finance certificate. Ultimately, she became general manager & CEO of Hood River Electric & Internet Co-op in 2018.



**Annette Creekpaum**

*CEO  
Mason PUD 3 (Washington)*

Annette Creekpaum joined Mason PUD 3's finance department 28 years ago. She came from a finance and public service background, having previously served as a state auditor. She was the PUD's chief financial officer for many years. In 2013, the Mason PUD 3 Commission appointed her as CEO. Her professional path reflects a steady progression built on strong financial management and a long-standing commitment to serving the public.



**Susan Cutrell**

*General Manager  
Parkland Light & Water Company  
(Washington)*

Susan Cutrell began her career at PL&W as an administrative assistant 25 years ago. With support from the utility's educational program, she earned a bachelor's degree in accounting. That led to her advancing to the role

of controller and later to manager of finance and administration. After completing her MBA, she was offered the opportunity to step into the role of general manager/CEO in 2015.



**Jackie Flowers**

*Director/CEO*

*Tacoma Public Utilities (Washington)*

Jackie Flowers' career has been shaped by a desire to make a meaningful impact through essential services. She began in civil engineering with a focus on water and municipal utilities. About 20 years ago, she transitioned into the power industry through hydropower. Drawn to the sector's dynamic and innovative environment, her work evolved from technical and project-based roles to people-centered leadership. She now focuses on empowering teams and fostering environments where employees are supported to do their best work. She joined Tacoma Power as director/CEO in 2018.



**Lindsay Forepaugh**

*General Manager*

*Wasco Electric Cooperative (Oregon)*

Lindsay Forepaugh's career path spans multiple industries and regions. After earning her MBA, she began working in oil and gas in Texas, ultimately becoming the supply chain manager for North American. Seeking deeper community connections, she moved to Nebraska and joined an electric cooperative as chief financial officer. She quickly fell in love with the industry. After additional leadership roles and while working on her doctorate in business administration, she returned to the Pacific Northwest to be closer to family and accepted her current general manager position in late 2023.



**Billi Kohler**

*General Manager*

*West Oregon Electric Cooperative (Oregon)*

Billi Kohler began her career at WOEC as a high school intern and continued part-time work with the cooperative while attending college. She became a full-time member service representative 10 years ago, developing a strong understanding of daily operations through direct member interaction. After moving into the role of

administrative services manager, she led member services and supported the board and management team. In 2021, she was appointed interim general manager and ultimately selected to continue in the role permanently.



**Kristin Masteller**

*General Manager*

*Mason County PUD No. 1 (Washington)*

Kristin Masteller's professional background started in public hospital administration. Her path to the utility industry began through a professional connection. A woman she used to work for was friends with Debbie Knipschild, a former general manager of Mason County PUD No. 1 and the first female general manager of a PUD in Washington. Masteller's former boss suggested she apply for Knipschild's position upon hearing that Knipschild was retiring from her then-administrative director position. Masteller was hired as director of business services in 2011 and became the utility's general manager in 2018.



**Jaime Matthews**

*CEO*

*Copper Valley Electric Association (Alaska)*

Jaime Matthews began working at her local electric cooperative while still in high school, entering meter readings and gaining early exposure to cooperative values rooted in community service. After earning a bachelor's degree in business and later an MBA, she built a career in finance. That path led her to serve as CVEA's chief financial officer and ultimately advance into her current role as CEO in 2023. Her career in public power spans 26 years, with 21 years at CVEA.



**Mandip Samra**

*General Manager*

*Burbank Water & Power (California)*

Mandip Samra went to school initially to be a doctor or lawyer. However, she pivoted to a governmental path after 9/11, which happened during her senior year of college. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and went on to earn master's degrees in public administration and planning. She held roles in resource management at Anaheim Public Utilities, Southern California

Edison, and Pasadena Water and Power before joining Burbank Water & Power in 2021. She started as Burbank's power resources manager, advanced to assistant general manager of power supply, and became the general manager in 2024.



**Annie Terracciano**  
*CEO/General Manager*  
*Northern Lights, Inc. (Idaho)*

Annie Terracciano earned her bachelor's degree in accounting and finance from Eastern Washington University and became a certified public accountant. She began her career in her hometown of Sandpoint, Idaho, eventually serving as chief financial officer for a private company. When the company sold and relocated, she joined Northern Lights, Inc. as its chief financial officer in 2008. A few years later, following the general manager's retirement, the board recruited her to step into the general manager role. She has now led the utility for 15 years.

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March 13, 2026

Northwest Power and Conservation Council  
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RE: Support for Public Power Council & Bonneville Power Administration's Comments on the Draft 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish & Wildlife Program

Dear Council Members:

Mason County Public Utility District No. 1 (Mason PUD 1) appreciates the opportunity to express support for the comments submitted by the Public Power Council regarding the Draft 2026 Columbia River Basin Fish & Wildlife Program.

As a consumer-owned public utility and preference power customer of the Bonneville Power Administration, Mason PUD 1 and our 5,600 customers ultimately fund the costs associated with the Fish and Wildlife Program. We take seriously our responsibility to support environmental mitigation for impacts associated with the Federal Columbia River Power System while ensuring that the region maintains a reliable and affordable power supply.

Mason PUD 1 agrees with PPC that the Fish and Wildlife Program must maintain the statutory balance established in the Northwest Power Act, protecting fish and wildlife affected by the development and operation of the federal hydropower system while also assuring the Pacific Northwest an adequate, efficient, economical, and reliable power system.

We support PPC's emphasis that Program measures should maintain a clear nexus to impacts from the Federal Columbia River Power System. Expanding the Program beyond this statutory scope risks diluting mitigation resources and increasing costs to ratepayers without clear environmental benefits. Maintaining this focus will ensure that limited ratepayer-funded resources are directed toward actions that meaningfully support fish and wildlife recovery.

Mason PUD 1 also supports PPC's call for careful consideration of regional reliability and affordability. The Pacific Northwest power system is undergoing significant change due to electrification, increasing demand, transmission constraints, and shifts in the regional resource mix. Operational or programmatic measures that significantly reduce hydropower flexibility could negatively affect system reliability and increase costs for public power customers.

For rural utilities like Mason PUD 1, affordability is critical. Our customers include households, small businesses, schools, and public services that depend on reliable and economical electricity. As the Program evolves, it is important that mitigation actions remain focused, cost-effective, and supported by sound science so that environmental goals can be achieved without placing unnecessary financial burdens on Northwest communities.

Mason PUD 1 appreciates the Council's work developing the Draft 2026 Program and the collaborative regional process that has informed its development. We encourage the Council to carefully consider the comments submitted by the Public Power Council as it finalizes the Program.



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RON GOLD, Commissioner

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ron Gold  
President

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Mike Sheetz  
Vice President

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Jack Janda  
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**PUD1 Water Storage Project Update** By Kristin Masteller, PUD1 General Manager



The PUD 1 water storage project is moving along well, both on-time and on-budget. Rognlin’s, Inc., the PUD’s contractor, has completed the mainline installation and the Mt. Baker Silos are being poured,

along with the construction for the booster station for the water reservoirs and the site work for stormwater management. One of the two 100,000-gallon reservoirs is already completed and the second is near completion.

When finished, the west reservoir will feed Highland Park water system and the east reservoir will feed Alderbrook water system. Highland Park is capped at connections until additional storage is built. Alderbrook still has connections but would likely reach a cap in the next few years without available storage. This project solves the storage issue for both systems and helps the PUD implement its final Union Regional Water System consolidation activities.

In addition to the storage, there will be a backup generator installed on the site in case of power outages and a draft hydrant will be on site for a dedicated water source for Fire District 6 to fill up their trucks when necessary to fight fires.

The reservoirs are located next to the new Manzanita Substation that was put into service last October. When the water facilities are complete, PUD 1’s Manzanita Campus will serve Union’s power and water needs for the next 50+ years. Rognlin’s anticipates being substantially complete in May of this year.

This project was funded through a grant and low-interest loan combination package from Washington State’s Public Works Assistance Account. PUD 1 thanks the Public Works Board for investing in Union infrastructure and the project area neighbors for their patience and support during the construction activities.





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March 11, 2026

Senator Drew MacEwen  
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Re: SSB 5690

Dear Senator MacEwen,

The Board of Commissioners for Mason County PUD No. 1 would like to express our sincere gratitude to you for sponsoring SSB 5690 again this year and we are pleased to see that it has passed and is awaiting the Governor's signature.

As you know, these utility relocation projects have been incredibly difficult and impactful to Mason PUD 1 since 2020, with millions of dollars of public power ratepayer funds at stake. The partnership between the PUD and our state and federal representatives has alleviated much of the burden, protecting our operating budget and the stability of our power rates.

We are heartened to see our 35<sup>th</sup> District legislators recognize an issue with a constituent agency and work with us on finding an amenable solution. When government works together, everybody wins. The legislative process worked the way it is supposed to on this issue, and we appreciate your time and efforts to hear us and WPUDA and work toward a solution.

You and Rob Barnes both continue to be strong supporters of PUDs and good friends to Mason PUD 1. We appreciate your ongoing support of WPUDA, the PUD 1 leadership team, and of our shared constituency that we serve. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

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Ron Gold  
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Vice President

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Jack Janda  
Board Secretary

March 19, 2026

*Sent via Certified Mail and Standard USPS Delivery*

Lumen  
Robert Thomas, Director, State & Local Government Affairs  
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Seattle, WA 98121

Re: Notice of Systemic Joint Use Issues and Contractual Non-Compliance Affecting Public Power Utilities in Washington State

Dear Mr. Thomas,

On behalf of a consortium of public power utilities serving communities across Washington State, we write to formally bring to your attention a series of serious and recurring issues involving Lumen's facilities, practices, and contractual obligations on and around publicly owned utility infrastructure.

Our utilities collectively serve hundreds of thousands of Washington residents with essential utility services. As public power providers, our missions are to provide safe, reliable, and affordable utility services. Achieving that mission depends on effective coordination, mutual respect, and contractual compliance among all entities that utilize shared infrastructure, including private telecommunications providers such as Lumen.

While our individual utilities have sought to work collaboratively with Lumen at the local levels between our staff and your regional representatives, we have experienced a growing number of unresolved issues that now warrant escalation to Lumen's executive leadership. These concerns are no longer isolated incidents. Rather, they reflect systemic patterns that create safety risks, increase operational costs to public ratepayers, delay critical utility work, including storm restoration efforts, and undermine the integrity of existing joint use and/or joint ownership agreements.

Summary of Key Utility Concerns

Across multiple jurisdictions and service territories, consortium members have documented issues that include, but are not limited to:

- Unauthorized or non-compliant pole attachments and modifications to utility pole infrastructure, including testing and use/application of fumigants to poles not owned by Lumen.
- Failure to obtain required utility permits, approvals, or inspections prior to construction or changes, including hiring third party contractors to perform unauthorized work on utility-owned infrastructure.
- Delays or non-responsiveness related to corrective actions, make-ready work, or removal of abandoned facilities, including removal of poles as the “last one off”.
- Refusals or non-responsiveness related to payment of invoices for annual attachment fees, make ready work, or pole audit fees, as clearly stipulated in joint use and/or joint ownership agreements.
- Interference with utility operations, including outage restoration activities and capital improvement projects.
- Incorrect mapping with regard to Lumen-owned infrastructure, including pole ownership and missed locates.
- Overall non-adherence to joint-use, pole attachment, franchise, or other governing agreements.
- Lack of communication or response to communications sent to Lumen via authorized communications channels or points of contact, often outlined in aforementioned agreements.

Each of these issues carries real consequences for public safety, system reliability, and cost containment. These costs ultimately fall on the public ratepayers we serve.

### Purpose of This Notice

The purpose of this letter is to elevate these concerns to Lumen’s leadership and seek a coordinated, good-faith path toward resolution and sustained compliance and it is accompanied by appendices prepared by individual utilities within the consortium. These appendices outline specific instances, locations, and agreement provisions at issue within each utility provider’s area of service. Collectively, however, they demonstrate the breadth and consistency of the challenges being experienced statewide.

While we ask Lumen to contact each of the utilities listed in the appendices to seek resolution to the issues listed in each attachment, we also believe it is in the mutual interest of public utilities and Lumen to address these matters comprehensively.

The consortium respectfully requests that Lumen:

1. Acknowledge receipt of this notice and the attached appendices within 30 days.

2. Designate appropriate executive-level and operational contacts to engage with each of the utilities in the appendices to remedy documented issues on the local levels.
3. Commit to a structured process to review, prioritize, and resolve documented issues.
4. Reaffirm Lumen's commitment to contractual compliance, safety standards, and coordination with public power providers.
5. Implement corrective measures to prevent recurrence of these issues across Washington State.

Our consortium members stand ready to participate in constructive discussions with Lumen and coordinated field efforts as necessary to achieve these outcomes. We intend to convene again in May to discuss Lumen's responsiveness to this outreach and decide whether the response is sufficient or if the utilities need to explore additional remedial options. We would welcome a representative(s) from Lumen's leadership to attend that meeting.

Publicly owned utilities and private telecommunications providers play complementary roles in serving Washington's residents, businesses, and critical institutions. We remain committed to working collaboratively with Lumen to ensure that shared infrastructure is managed responsibly, safely, and in accordance with all applicable agreements and standards. We trust that Lumen's leadership shares this commitment and will treat these matters with the urgency and seriousness they warrant.

We look forward to your response and to establishing a clear path toward resolution.

Sincerely, on behalf of the Washington State Public Power Consortium,

*Liz Anderson*

Liz Anderson, Executive Director

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**Attachments:**

- Attachment A- Mason County PUD No. 1 Summary of Issues
- Attachment B- Lakeview Power & Light Summary of Issues
- Attachment C- Cowlitz PUD Summary of Issues
- Attachment D- Mason County PUD No. 3 Summary of Issues
- Attachment E- Inland Power & Light Summary of Issues
- Attachment F- Jefferson PUD Summary of Issues
- Attachment G- Lewis Co. PUD Summary of Issues
- Attachment H- Kittitas PUD Summary of Issues
- Attachment I- Peninsula Light Company Summary of Issues



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March 17, 2026

To: Lumen

Re: Ongoing Joint Use Agreement Compliance Issues with Lumen

To Whom It May Concern,

Mason County Public Utility District No. 1 (Mason PUD 1) is submitting this addendum to the WPUDA public utility consortium letter to summarize a series of longstanding operational and contractual concerns related to Lumen's activities on District-owned utility poles. These issues span several years and represent persistent challenges in maintaining compliance with the Joint Use Agreement, ensuring public safety, and protecting the District's infrastructure and ratepayer resources.

A more detailed description of the issues summarized below is included in the attachments following this addendum, which provide supporting photographs and a list of infractions.

**1. Failure to Follow Joint Use Agreement Processes**

Lumen has repeatedly failed to follow procedures outlined in the Joint Use Agreement. The District has not received a single formal pole attachment application from Lumen or its subsidiaries since at least 2016, despite ongoing attachment installations each year. Additionally, payment of attachment invoices has been significantly delayed. For example, Invoice 3366 was 14 months past due before payment was made, and the Pole Attachment Audit Invoice 3370 was 18 months past due before Lumen agreed to pay.

**2. Poor Response Times During Public Safety Events**

The District has experienced multiple situations where telecommunications lines owned by Lumen have fallen across roadways or been hanging so low that trucks snag the lines, breaking poles and pulling both telecom and power lines into the roadway, including U.S. Highway 101, causing traffic closures and public safety risks. In one incident in Hoodspport, traffic was backed up for several hours while emergency responders initially believed the downed line belonged to the PUD. It ultimately took more than four hours for a Lumen technician to respond and cut the line so traffic could safely resume. The PUD had to stay and flag, costing our District overtime expenses that were never reimbursed.

**3. Delays in Removing or Relocating Attachments**

The PUD routinely must send repeated notices over periods of six to twelve months (oftentimes longer) to get Lumen to remove or relocate attachments that are in violation of clearance or safety requirements.

**4. Poor Workmanship on Pole Attachments**

In McDonald's Cove along Highway 101, Lumen reattached its cables at the same height as before when the PUD installed taller poles intended to increase roadway clearance. This action negated the purpose of the pole replacement project, which was to create additional clearance and allow other attachers to safely install facilities beneath the communications attachments.



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### **5. Refusal to Correct Violations or Repair Facilities**

Since 2022, the PUD has attempted to get Lumen to repair lines hanging on the ground in the Triton Cove (Eldon) and Brinnon areas, which are in violation of Joint Use Agreement specifications. Multiple communications were sent without resolution. In other locations, including Skokomish Valley, McDonald's Cove, and near the Skokomish Bridge on Highway 101, the District was forced to have its attorney issue a notice of intent to terminate the Joint Use Agreement before Lumen finally corrected the violations.

### **6. Unauthorized Work on PUD Facilities**

Lumen hired Osmose to inspect and install treatment and bracing on poles owned by Mason PUD 1 without authorization. The District had to issue a cease-and-desist order to stop this work. In addition, these activities generated locate requests through the PUD's third-party locating service, resulting in unnecessary costs borne by District ratepayers. Despite multiple requests, Lumen has refused to provide the records and data associated with the unauthorized work performed on PUD facilities.

### **7. Inaccurate Mapping and Misrepresentation of Pole Ownership**

The District completed a comprehensive pole attachment audit in 2020–2021 confirming ownership of its facilities. Lumen did not dispute these records at the time. However, during a 2025 Mason PUD 1 Board of Commissioners meeting, a Lumen representative publicly asserted that certain PUD poles were owned by Lumen and accused the District of mislabeling poles in an effort to increase revenue from pole attachments. These claims were unsupported, inaccurate and inappropriate. The District maintains clear documentation establishing ownership of its facilities and we firmly reject any accusations that our staff engages in fraudulent activities or billing practices.

Additionally, Lumen's mapping records appear to be outdated or inaccurate. Lumen frequently misses 811 locate requests on its own facilities or marks locations inaccurately, creating potential safety hazards for contractors and utility crews.

### **8. Ongoing Operational Burdens on the PUD**

Despite these challenges, the District routinely assists Lumen in maintaining service continuity for our community, which we both serve. PUD line crews frequently secure telecommunications attachments after storms, respond to downed Lumen lines during nights and weekends, and provide traffic control on state highways while waiting for Lumen personnel to arrive. These activities are performed without compensation, resulting in additional operational costs to District ratepayers.

It is important to note that the District has had positive and cooperative interactions with Raymond Jones and Michelle Palmer, who have been responsive and professional. The same cannot be said for the other Lumen representatives that the PUD has engaged with. Mason PUD 1 continues to include Lumen in joint trenching opportunities and provides advance coordination on projects that may affect telecommunications infrastructure. Unfortunately, these cooperative efforts have not been reciprocated consistently.

The District's participation in the current utility consortium discussions regarding Lumen compliance represents our final effort to establish a productive working relationship and ensure adherence to the Joint Use Agreement. If a constructive path forward cannot be achieved, Mason PUD 1 will not seek to renew the Joint Use Agreement when it expires.



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We appreciate your attention to these concerns and hope to work collaboratively toward a resolution that protects public safety, infrastructure reliability, and the interests of the communities we serve.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kristin Masteller'.

Kristin Masteller  
General Manager

Attachments:  
List of Lumen Violations

Pole Number	Lat	Long	PLS #	Action
N48AL6 (20566)	47.40105597	-123.1438603	1678	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N48AL7	47.40150921	-123.1438492	20567	Attach span to new pole. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N48AL8	47.40193896	-123.1438387	1679	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N48AL9 (20569)	47.4022929	-123.1438225	1681	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N48AL10 (20570)	47.40283957	-123.1439594	1682	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N48AL11 (20571)	47.4028352	-123.1444833	1684	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N48AL12	47.40279335	-123.1452256	20572	Attach span to new pole. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N308	47.55249324	-123.0335298	20390	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N308-N309
N309	47.55287446	-123.0326615	20391	Comm down/lying on ground between N309-N310
N310	47.55348237	-123.0317284	No#	Comm down/lying on ground between N310-N311
N311	47.55407698	-123.0308916	3675	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N311-N312
N312	47.55470469	-123.0299712	20510	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N312-N313
N313	47.55538111	-123.0290942	20509	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N313-N314
N314	47.55595949	-123.028306	20237	Comm too low and or down/lying on ground between N314-N315
N315	47.55629935	-123.0276662	20244	Comm too low and or down/lying on ground between N315-N316
N316	47.55681784	-123.0268966	20302	Comm too low and or down/lying on ground between N316-N317
N317	47.55756243	-123.0264814	20###	Comm too low and or down/lying on ground between N316-N317
N354	47.58238972	-123.0059506	20412	Comm too low and or down/lying on ground between N354-N355
N355	47.58316256	-123.0055079	20413	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N355-N356
N356	47.58397737	-123.0049953	20414	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N355-N356
N399	47.613205	-122.984297	3357	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N411	47.618577	-122.973514	3330	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N416	47.619297	-122.968899	3325	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N419	47.62058955	-122.9661447	20796	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N419-N420
N420	47.62141668	-122.965278	20###	Comm too low - Clearance issue between N419-N420
N426R2	47.623928	-122.959491	5454	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N428	47.625108	-122.959315	3284	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N429	47.625863	-122.958757	3283	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N430	47.626186	-122.958524	3282	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N431	47.626478	-122.95825	3280	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N432	47.626997	-122.959298	3277	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N433	47.627723	-122.959596	3274	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N434	47.628095	-122.959147	3271	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N435	47.628208	-122.957896	3270	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N443	47.62927253	-122.9490001	3254	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N447	47.63122624	-122.9455773	3247	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N446	47.630704	-122.946149	3249	Comm was transferred but still too low, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power System Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
N451	47.633806	-122.944282	3233	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N456	47.638241	-122.941334	3223	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N459	47.641054	-122.938809	3046	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N467	47.64650371	-122.9366798	3030	Transfer to new pole WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N468	47.64698917	-122.9362522	20581	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N469	47.64762143	-122.935847	20580	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N470	47.6481721	-122.9354109	20579	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N471	47.64887816	-122.9348	20578	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N472	47.64967079	-122.9340893	20577	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
N472L2	47.65216118	-122.9363671		Remove conductor which crosses Shoreline Rd due North. Estuary back to Hwy 101. Remove old pole when completed. - Claims that there are no cables but was previously abandoned w/o removing. Lumen to FIELD VERIFY

<b>N473</b>	47.65048004	-122.9333938	20576	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N474</b>	47.65110103	-122.9328591	20575	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N475S</b>	47.6515522	-122.9324679	20560	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N475N</b>	47.65229366	-122.9314359	No#	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N476</b>	47.65278409	-122.9303789	20547	Transfer to new pole across highway WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N477</b>	47.65324533	-122.9295961		Transfer to new pole. WSDOT/Army Corp Eng/DFW estuary/bridge project. Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU. Remove old pole when completed
<b>N485</b>	47.65718822	-122.9251605		JU was transferred but pole was left. Remove pole.
<b>N486</b>	47.658109	-122.924999	3950	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
<b>N486R1</b>	47.657906	-122.924585	3951	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
<b>N510</b>	47.672825	-122.905419	4017	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU
<b>N540L9R7</b>	47.699182	-122.896452	5406	Transfer to new pole, Top JU between 40 and 46 inches below Power Conductor, Neutral, Service and Stree light Drip loops, + 12 inches to next JU, + 12 inches to next JU



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March 16, 2026

Lumen Technologies, Inc.  
100 CenturyLink Dr.  
Monroe, LA 71203

RE: Formal Concerns Regarding Coordination and Performance Under the Joint Pole Ownership Agreement

To Whom It May Concern,

Lakeview Light & Power is writing to formally express significant concerns regarding ongoing coordination and performance issues specific to the long-standing joint pole ownership agreement between Lakeview Light & Power and Lumen Technologies, Inc.

Over the past several years, our staff has encountered persistent challenges in coordinating with Lumen personnel responsible for joint pole management. Frequent turnover among Lumen staff appears to have created substantial gaps in continuity and accountability, resulting in repeated instances of non-responsiveness and delays in matters that require timely coordination between our organizations.

These issues have reached a level that is now affecting Lakeview Light & Power's ability to efficiently manage jointly owned infrastructure and fulfill operational responsibilities, as well as being compliant with City of Lakewood and Pierce County ordinances. We would like to highlight the following recurring concerns:

### **1. Lack of Timely Communication and Responsiveness**

Our team routinely experiences delayed or absent responses to requests related to joint pole coordination. In many cases, multiple follow-ups are required before a response is received, if one is received at all. Timely communication is critical to maintaining safe and efficient utility operations, and the current level of responsiveness is not meeting that standard.

### **2. Delays in Reimbursement for Jointly Owned Pole Replacements**

Lakeview Light & Power continues to experience significant delays in receiving reimbursement for Lumen's share of jointly owned poles that are replaced during the course of the year. These delays create unnecessary administrative burden and disrupt standard financial reconciliation processes. Timely settlement of these costs is an expected component of the joint ownership agreement.

### **3. Inadequate Coordination of Pole Transfers and Removal of Retired Poles**

We have also observed repeated delays in coordinating the transfer of pole ownership and the removal of retired infrastructure. Failure to remove old poles within a reasonable timeframe creates avoidable operational and logistical complications in the field. Further it creates



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administrative burden and is counterproductive to our desire to preserve a strong working relationship with both the City of Lakewood and Pierce County.

#### **4. Absence of Current Mapping Regarding Shared Infrastructure**

At the time of this email, we have been requesting updated mapping of shared infrastructure on our system and have yet to receive a response. This is further exacerbated by the inadequate coordination of pole transfers and creates additional administrative burden for us to reconcile poles replaced, pole attachment billing for other third-party licensee attachments, and the reimbursement of replacement costs.

While we understand that staffing changes can occur within any organization, the frequency of turnover within Lumen's joint-use contacts has resulted in a lack of continuity that is materially impacting coordination between our organizations. The resulting communication breakdowns and delays are not consistent with the level of cooperation necessary to effectively manage shared infrastructure.

Lakeview Light & Power requests that Lumen review its internal processes for managing joint pole coordination and establish clear, reliable points of contact who are empowered to respond to requests and address outstanding matters in a timely manner. Additionally, we request that outstanding reimbursement items and unresolved pole transfer and removal issues be reviewed and brought current.

We value our working relationship with Lumen and remain committed to maintaining a productive partnership. However, the issues described above require prompt attention and meaningful improvement to ensure that both organizations can meet their operational obligations under the joint pole ownership agreement.

We would appreciate the opportunity to discuss these concerns and identify corrective steps moving forward. Please contact us at your earliest convenience to arrange a discussion.

Sincerely,

John M. DeVore  
General Manager, Lakeview Light & Power  
253-327-6116  
[jdevore@lakeviewlight.com](mailto:jdevore@lakeviewlight.com)



## Cowlitz County Public Utility District

### Primary systemic issues with Lumen:

- No communication/response in paying invoices
- Not making transfers in a timely manner for pole replacements.

### Waiting on pole transfer since July 2025

### Unpaid invoices since July

Invoice Line Items		5878	9900015	7/22/2025	
		Invoice	MR Account	Invoice Date	
1904 ALLEN ST - QWEST POLE 75440 REJECTED - VISUAL REJECT - POLE TOP LEVEL - This pole is in very bad condition all the way to the top and should be changed out				\$1,151.66 Charged to WO	
				\$1,244.94 Invoice Amount	
<b>LUMEN</b> MR Account Name				\$1,244.94 Remaining Balance	
Invoice	WO	Amount	Item	Comments	Detail
5878	872964	1,151.66	Billable Work	Wo 872964 - Installed 30 Foot Pole C1 4	IMMEDIATE POLE REPLACE
5878		93.28	Tax		Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,244.94</b>			

Invoice Line Items		4844 <small>Invoice</small>	9900015 <small>MR Account</small>	12/31/2024 <small>Invoice Date</small>	
Replace Pole#72582,TELCO# A1202056. 180 Holcomb Rd. Kelso, WA 98626.			\$4,559.57 <small>Charged to WO</small>		
			\$4,910.66 <small>Invoice Amount</small>		
<b>LUMEN</b> <small>MR Account Name</small>			\$4,910.66 <small>Remaining Balance</small>		
Invoice	WO	Amount	Item	Comments	Detail
4844	887497	4,559.57	Billable Work	Wo#887497	
4844		351.09	Tax	Tax	Tax
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,910.66</b>			



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February 23, 2026

Lumen  
Robert Thomas, Director, State & Local Government Affairs  
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Seattle, WA 98121

RE: Operational and Compliance Concerns under the Pole Attachment License Agreement

Dear Lumen Representatives:

Mason County Public Utility District No. 3 ("PUD 3") writes to address a number of ongoing operational and compliance concerns involving Lumen's facilities and activities within PUD 3's service territory. These matters arise primarily under the Pole Attachment License Agreement<sup>1</sup> ("PALA") and present risks to public safety, infrastructure reliability, and the effective administration of pole attachment operations between our organizations.

As a publicly owned utility, PUD 3 operates in the best interest of the public and must ensure that all pole attachment licensees meet their contractual obligations and adhere to industry standards. The following categories summarize PUD 3's principal concerns.

### **1. Compliance with Pole Attachment Identification and Transfer Requirements**

PUD 3 has observed ongoing and repeated noncompliance with core PALA requirements intended to ensure safe and orderly use of joint-use infrastructure.

- **Attachment tagging and j-hook relocation.** Sections 2.8 and 6.1 of the PALA require licensees to tag existing attachments within specified timeframes and relocate j-hooks to the main cable. Despite multiple annual reminders and advance notice prior to the compliance deadline, Lumen has not initiated the required tagging or relocation work and has indicated unfamiliarity with these obligations. This continued lack of action following repeated notice constitutes a failure to meet express contractual requirements. Proper identification of attachments is essential for safety, maintenance, and billing accuracy.

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<sup>1</sup> August 30, 2019, CenturyTel of Washington, d.b.a. CenturyLink & Qwest Corporation d.b.a. CenturyLink QC

- **Delayed transfers and corrections.** Under Article 8.1 of the PALA, licensees must complete transfers or corrections within sixty (60) days of written notice. Lumen has routinely exceeded this timeline by several months. Due to repeated delays and a significant backlog of overdue transfers, PUD 3 has placed Lumen on hold for new joint-use application approvals. While some progress was previously made, substantial overdue transfers remain outstanding. Continued failure to meet required timelines disrupts system operations and impedes necessary infrastructure work.

These compliance issues create uncertainty regarding facility ownership, increase operational risk, and delay critical infrastructure work.

## **2. Pole Ownership Records and Unauthorized Work on PUD 3 Facilities**

Accurate pole ownership records are fundamental to safe utility operations. PUD 3 has identified significant discrepancies in Lumen's pole ownership database.

PUD 3 personnel have repeatedly observed contractors working on poles owned by PUD 3, including inspection, testing, treatment, and attempted replacement activities performed by Osmose Utilities Services, Inc.. These activities have involved facilities clearly associated with PUD 3 electric infrastructure. Lumen and its contractors do not have authorization to perform work on PUD 3-owned poles. Unauthorized work on electric utility infrastructure presents unacceptable safety and liability concerns.

PUD 3 repeatedly requested inspection and testing data from Lumen and Osmose over several years to verify the basis for work being performed on poles within PUD 3's system. This information was not provided until PUD 3 personnel observed Osmose attempting to perform work on poles owned by PUD 3 and issued a stop-work order, after which the requested data was produced the following day. The immediate production of this information following the stop-work order indicates the records were available but had not been provided despite prior requests. The records revealed significant inaccuracies of pole ownership, including numerous poles confirmed to be PUD 3 property, as well as other entries that could not be verified due to incorrect locations.

PUD 3 requires that Lumen correct its pole ownership database within PUD 3's service territory and demonstrate completion of this effort. Verification of accurate ownership records is necessary to prevent further unauthorized work and to protect public safety.

## **3. Safety Response and Field Coordination**

PUD 3 has serious concerns regarding Lumen's responsiveness to field conditions affecting public safety.

In one recent instance, PUD 3 notified Lumen of a downed line that remained uncorrected despite assurances from Lumen that repairs had been completed. The line was confirmed to be a Lumen facility and remained in a hazardous condition until an incident occurred which prompted corrective action by Lumen. PUD 3 did not receive confirmation when the issue was ultimately resolved. This delay in addressing a known hazardous condition exposed the public to avoidable risk.

Prompt response to hazardous conditions and clear communication between utilities are critical to public safety and risk mitigation.

#### **4. Billing and Financial Administration**

PUD 3 has encountered issues affecting the efficient administration of pole attachment billing.

Payment of a recent pole attachment invoice was substantially delayed beyond the billing cycle, requiring extended follow-up and creating administrative burden. Timely payment of invoices is a basic obligation under the parties' business relationship and is necessary for predictable and efficient operations.

#### **5. Infrastructure Transactions and System Identification**

PUD 3 has sought clarification regarding Lumen's announced infrastructure transaction with AT&T. Specifically, PUD 3 requested information regarding which facilities may be transferred and how attachments would be identified following the transaction to ensure accurate records and billing.

PUD 3 has not received any information sufficient to evaluate the operational impact of the transaction or to maintain accurate pole attachment records. The absence of clear communication regarding changes in ownership or identification of facilities creates uncertainty and increases administrative and safety risks. An audit of Lumen's existing attachments will be necessary to ensure accurate accounting following any transfer.

#### **6. Mapping Accuracy and Utility Locate Performance**

Reliable mapping and timely response to locate requests are essential for safe excavation and infrastructure protection.

PUD 3 has observed that inaccurate mapping and records of Lumen's underground facilities (including pedestals, vaults, and service drops) has resulted in missed locate responses. This condition forces requestors to expand locate areas unnecessarily, increases costs, delays projects, and creates work stoppages when unmarked facilities are encountered in the field. These deficiencies create avoidable operational inefficiencies and elevate the risk of damage to underground infrastructure.

Additionally, Lumen's delayed or incomplete responses to locate requests have caused repeated project rescheduling and prolonged emergency response activities. These issues affect not only PUD 3 operations but also contractors, other utilities, and the public. Timely and accurate locate performance is a fundamental responsibility necessary to protect public and private infrastructure.

#### **Conclusion and Request for Cooperation**

PUD 3 values a cooperative and professional working relationship with Lumen and recognizes the importance of coordinated infrastructure deployment within our shared service area. However, the issues described above collectively present significant concerns related to safety, operational reliability, and compliance with contractual obligations. PUD 3 expects prompt corrective action to address these matters.

PUD 3 respectfully requests that Lumen:

- Provide a plan and timeline for full compliance with PALA tagging and transfer requirements;
- Correct and verify pole ownership records within PUD 3's service territory;

- Improve responsiveness to safety notifications and locate requests;
- Provide clarity regarding infrastructure ownership changes and attachment identification; and
- Establish procedures to ensure timely billing and administrative coordination.

PUD 3 remains available to meet and discuss these matters and to develop mutually acceptable solutions that protect public infrastructure and promote efficient pole attachment operations, and requests written confirmation of Lumen's intended corrective actions within a reasonable timeframe.

Sincerely,



Annette Creekpaum  
Chief Executive Officer

**Kristin Masteller**

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**From:** kristinm@mason-pud1.org  
**Subject:** Lumen Issues

Hi Kristin,

Like many other electric utilities in the Pacific Northwest, Inland Power and Light would like to add our voice and concerns to the growing coalition of impacted utilities. Here are some of the issues that we are currently dealing with along with those listed in the draft;

- Invasive testing of Inland Power and Light Poles without permission or notice by a Lumen 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor
- Use of non approved pole fumigants without permission or notice by a Lumen 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor
- Lack of communication from Lumen and their 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor on messaged issues and concerns
- Lack of reporting on location of defective poles
- Lack of remediation plan for defective poles (stubbing, replacement)
- Testing of poles where Lumen has no aerial attachments and records clearly indicate Inland Power and Light pole ownership
- Significant delays and inaction regarding pole transfer requests (some go back literally years)
- Refusal to pull bare stub pole and perform adequate ground or surface restoration
- Lack of basic accountability and reporting on status and progress of pole transfers
- Attaching to poles and over-lashing without permission
- Little to no communication on responsible persons or contacts within Lumen (personnel issues i.e. people leaving and not being replaced)
- Rotating list of 3rd party sub contractors and general lack of quality and consistency

We truly appreciate the opportunity to be included, and we are more than happy to help fill in any additional details as needed. Look forward to the next steps and progress.

Best Regards,

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## Jefferson County PUD Summary of Issues

The following items summarize ongoing issues experienced by Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County (JPUD) in its interactions with Lumen regarding utility pole attachments and related infrastructure management. This is a summary, and more details are available upon request.

### **Non-Responsive Utility Pole Transfer Requests**

Lumen has been non-responsive to JPUD requests related to utility pole transfers. JPUD has utilized the reporting mechanism specified by Lumen to initiate these transfers, but the requests have not been addressed. JPUD has also attempted to coordinate through direct contact with local Lumen personnel, but these efforts have not resulted in resolution. A notice was sent to Lumen and Astound on 01-29-2026 for transfers on three JPUD utility poles—two along Clay Street and one along Taylor Street in Port Townsend, WA. No acknowledgement of the notification has been received.

### **Improper/No Facility Identification**

Lumen facilities are not consistently marked with identification tags displaying the company name in a manner visible from the roadway, creating challenges in identifying ownership. On January 13, 2026, JPUD staff were called to N. Palmer Street in Cape George to inspect a customer complaint regarding conduit that had fallen out of its strut clamp and was hanging from the pole. Upon inspection, staff determined the facility did not belong to JPUD. Personnel subsequently drove through the Cape George area looking for any identifying markers on the communications lines but were unable to find any. JPUD then sent an email to Lumen and Astound to notify them of the issue and request mitigation.

### **Ongoing Pole Ownership Disputes**

There is an ongoing dispute regarding the ownership of certain JPUD utility poles, which has put JPUD in an awkward position when Lumen dispatches a pole testing company to the service territory to inspect poles actually owned by JPUD. In February 2022, while inspecting a JPUD project, a JPUD representative observed an Osmose pole testing crew conducting work on Curtiss Street in the Port Hadlock area. When questioned, the inspector was unable to provide much information but did provide a phone number for the regional manager. Upon contacting the manager, JPUD was informed that Lumen had contracted Osmose to test poles they claimed to own. JPUD requested and received a contact at Lumen, but during the conversation, the Lumen representative stated that Lumen had purchased approximately 5,000 utility poles from PSE in 2018. When asked whether documentation existed to support this purchase—given that PSE did not own the service territory at that time—the call was abruptly terminated. Following this interaction, JPUD contacted its legal department.

### **Non-Compliant Repairs**

Instances have been identified in which repairs communicated to Lumen have not been completed. On February 24, 2026, a JPUD engineer contacted staff regarding low-hanging communications lines on Jefferson Street in Port Townsend, WA. The lines were initially believed to belong to Astound and were delaying the processing of a pole attachment application submitted by that company. After speaking with a representative from Astound, JPUD was

informed that the lines belonged to Lumen. A Lumen technician met JPUD staff on site but indicated the lines were not Lumen's and believed they were Astound facilities. The communications lines are not properly tagged, and as of today, ownership remains undetermined.

### **Pole Removal Responsibility**

There is uncertainty regarding which party is responsible for removing utility poles once all attachments have been transferred to new poles. This has created unsafe conditions within JPUD's service territory. Generally, JPUD has instructed communications companies that the last communications company to remove its attachments from a pole is responsible for removing the pole itself. However, communications companies often leave their facilities connected to priority reject or damaged utility poles and do not remove them. This presents a safety hazard that requires prompt mitigation.

### **No Application for Attachment**

Lumen does not submit applications for work it conducts. Staff recall that Lumen did not have a pole attachment agreement when they began working for JPUD in 2018. Fifteen months ago, JPUD initiated a concentrated effort to have Lumen sign such an agreement. On March 10, 2026, JPUD received an email confirming that Lumen had signed the JPUD pole attachment agreement. Without the persistent efforts of the Executive Secretary to move this process forward, the agreement likely would still be unsigned.

### **Unauthorized Attachments**

Attachments have been identified on JPUD poles that were installed without prior authorization.

### **Lack of Project Communication**

JPUD is not notified when Lumen or its subcontractors perform work on JPUD infrastructure. For example, in June 2022, JPUD personnel observed Lumen contractors over-lashing a section of their facilities on JPUD overhead infrastructure along S. Discovery Road. JPUD later learned that neither JPUD nor Jefferson County Public Works had been notified of the work performed in the county right-of-way. This is a 40 MPH, high-traffic roadway, and no flaggers were used during the activity, creating a significant safety concern.

### **Failure to Correct Identified Violations**

Violations that have been identified and communicated to Lumen have not been corrected within a reasonable timeframe.

### **Does Not Notify JPUD of Vacated Facilities**

Vacated pole attachments owned by Lumen exist throughout the JPUD service territory. In February 2023, while on site at the Coyle Peninsula with a logging company to discuss a project and potential conflicts, JPUD staff observed a main trunk line on Thorndyke Road that appeared lower than normal. Shortly after returning to the JPUD Operations Center, a report was received that a log truck had struck a line on Thorndyke Road, causing two JPUD poles to break and resulting in an outage. Lumen responded to the site and moved the broken trunk line off the road, but it remains on the ground. Had this vacated line been properly removed, the damage to JPUD facilities would likely have been avoided.

### **Inaccurate and Untimely Locates**

The contractor Lumen uses for locates has been inaccurate and untimely. On multiple occasions, JPUD line crews had to wait 6–10 hours for a Lumen locator to arrive for emergency locates. In 2022, during an underground project on Rhododendron Drive on the Coyle Peninsula, a JPUD contractor severed communications lines five times due to incorrect markings by Lumen’s contract locator.

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## Lewis County PUD

### Lumen – Summary of Actions and Outcomes

3/16/26

#### **Unauthorized Pole Test and Treatment:**

On multiple separate occasions over the past three years, Osmose (under Lumen contract) has been confronted about performing test and treatment functions on Lewis County PUD (LCPUD) – owned poles.

- 1/14/25: Osmose was drilling into LCPUD poles in the downtown Chehalis area, upon confrontation, I was forwarded to a regional manager. After a few emails, and requests that they clean up boring shavings, their correspondence ceases.
- 11/12/25: Lumen installed steel bracing on several LCPUD – owned transmission poles. No contact was made with LCPUD to approve these installs.
- 1/21/26: Osmose was performing test and treatment on LCPUD pole in the Evaline area without permission and was asked to leave.
- 2/21/26: Osmose was performing test and treatment functions on an under construction transmission line in the Winlock area, the landowner texted me after asking them to leave.

#### **Failure to Timely Transfer:**

Over the past three years, Lumen has chronically delayed their transfer and pole removal duties, ignoring the 30 day window to transfer. Regardless of contractual obligations to timely transfer or pay fees, Lumen ignores written warnings and consistently falls behind. As a result of consistent delays, LCPUD has attempted the following actions:

- 9/5/24 Failure to timely transfer fines were invoiced for \$19,150.
- 10/31/24 Failure to timely transfer fines were invoiced for \$17,070.
- 1/21/26 all new Lumen jobs were put on hold due to 15 Pole Transfer (PT) tickets found beyond 30 days past due.
- As of today Lumen remains past due on 24 PT tickets, as neither fines or delaying their jobs have had any effect on their productivity.
  - These tickets are primarily transfers, some include NESC violations and maintenance which require repairs to Lumen plant.



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## Kittitas PUD Summary of Issues

### **We understand these licensees to be subsidiaries of Lumen:**

Level 3 Communications LLC

Qwest, aka CenturyLink

On Fiber

### **Agreements:**

Level 3 Communications LLC

- Current agreement on file dated 10/29/2009
- Updated agreement sent 7/14/2020 and not returned

On Fiber Communications

- No current agreement on file
- Our license agreement began in 2019 when poles were purchased from PSE
- Updated agreement sent 7/14/2020 and not returned

Qwest

- Current agreement on file dated 4/22/1955
- There were notes in the physical file that indicated a new agreement was sent in 2009, but there was not a copy of it in the physical file
- Updated agreement sent 7/14/2020 and not returned

### **Invoice payments:**

Level 3 Communications LLC

- Payments have historically been paid in a timely manner.
- Currently, the account has a credit balance of \$615.21 due to invoice corrections posted in 2025. They have not requested a refund, so it will likely apply to the 2026 billing.

On Fiber Communications

- 2019 – 2021 charges were paid in 1/2022
- 2022 – 2025 charges remain unpaid despite monthly invoices being mailed, and periodically emailed, to the address on file
  - o I found the following emails I have sent related to the past due balances:
    - 6/28/2024 – I received a response requesting copies of the invoices and the last payment we had received, which I returned.
    - 7/19/2024 – That documentation was forwarded to “Dennis the budget owner” and they requested a change to the email address for future invoices. No response or payment received.

- 6/25/2025 – I emailed again regarding the unpaid balances, with the previous conversation attached. No response or payment received.
- Current balance \$502.40

Qwest

- Payments have historically been paid in a timely manner.
- The account had a credit balance of \$2,672.95 due to invoice corrections posted in 2025. We started the process of refunding that credit balance, at their request, but have not received response from multiple contact attempts to gather all the information and complete it.
  - I found the following emails related to the credit balance and refund:
    - 12/19/2025 – I sent an email as we received a check for the new charges, but the account actually had a credit balance and did not need to be paid.
    - 12/19/2025 – I received a response to clarify the credit balance and requesting a refund check, but asking us to wait to double check what should be done with the check that we received.
    - 1/8/2026 – I received confirmation to destroy the check they sent us and issue the refund payable to CenturyLink/Lumen, with full address information.
    - 1/8/2026 – Brandon requested a W9 for CenturyLink. No response.
    - 1/12/2026, 1/15/2026, 2/12/2026 – Brandon requested documentation showing CenturyLink is doing business as Qwest as an alternative so that we could issue the refund as requested. No response.

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# Peninsula Light Co.

To whom it may concern,

Below is a list of the outstanding issues affecting Peninsula Light's distribution system.

- Outstanding invoices that were refused payment.

There are 3 outstanding invoices, all sent 5/7/2025 and subsequently cancelled by Lumen after they refused to pay. Lumen claims that because PenLight didn't tell them that Comcast was out of their way, Lumen shouldn't have to pay for the renewal of the Pierce County permit that was required because they were still in place. Coordinating communication between communications companies chain is not PenLight's responsibility.

Invoice 17790 - \$900.00

Invoice 17792 - \$900.00

Invoice 17794 - \$900.00

- Poles that need attention from Lumen dating back to 2021 (as of 3/17/2026):

Poles for Lumen to transfer:

2154576 – from 1/15/2024

5348376 – from 8/20/2024

4355750 – from 11/20/2024

6175800 – from 4/15/2025

6085151 – from 4/15/2025

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6185352 – from 6/3/2025

7103527 – from 8/26/2025

7103528 – from 8/26/2025

3222375 – from 10/16/2025

2207801 – from 10/29/2025

2196304 – from 12/8/2025

2196300 – from 12/8/2025

2195375 – from 12/8/2025

2196250 – from 12/8/2025

4132476 – from 12/16/2025

4132327 – from 12/16/2025

9088203 – from 12/22/2025

5022150 – from 2/9/2026

3197425 – from 3/16/2026

Poles for Lumen to remove their facilities:

4233850 – from 12/23/2021

3332625 – from 3/27/2023

3333750 – from 3/27/2023

3333700 – from 3/27/2023

3284151 – from 3/27/2023

3284155 – from 3/27/2023

3284156 – from 3/27/2023

3284100 – from 3/27/2023

3284101 – from 3/27/2023

3284250 – from 3/27/2023

3284200 – from 3/27/2023

6068601 – from 7/31/2023

6068200 – from 1/30/2025

5273825 – from 9/29/2025

5273826 – from 9/29/2025

Poles for Lumen to purchase or transfer:

2312175 – from 1/31/2025

2313150 – from 1/31/2025

Poles for Lumen to purchase or remove:

2312175 – from 1/31/2025

2313150 – from 1/31/2025

6171550 – from 3/14/2025

6171750 – from 3/14/2025

6171851 – from 3/14/2025

Thanks,

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