



**COWLITZ PUD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING AGENDA
March 10, 2026, 2:00 p.m.
Cowlitz PUD Board Room & Microsoft Teams**

Board of Commissioners: Dave Quinn, Duane Dalglish, Bruce Pollock

The Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month, with the exception of holidays and other conflicts. Members of the public interested in participating via Microsoft Teams should contact Monica Petterson at mpetterson@cowlitzpud.org by 5:00 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026. To attend by phone, please call 1-323-484-8960 (Conference ID: 370 313 737#) at the time of the meeting. If you require reasonable accommodation while attending the Cowlitz PUD Board Meeting, please call Monica at (360) 501-9154 at least 72-hours prior to the meeting so that your needs can be addressed.

Please note that public comment is limited to three minutes per person.

1. Call to Order: 2:00 p.m.
2. Changes/Additions to Agenda
3. **Motion to Approve** Today's Board Agenda: Dave Quinn
4. **Motion to Approve** the PUD Board Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2026: Dave Quinn
5. Public Comment on Agenda Items and Other District Business
6. **Motion to Ratify/Approve** Vouchers & Payroll: Heather Sorensen
7. General Manager Report: Gary Huhta

8. Action Items
 - 8.1 **Motion to Approve** Amendment to Resolution No. 2832 – Ten-Year Conservation Potential and Biennial Conservation Target: Jen Langdon
 - 8.2 **Motion to Approve** Resolution No. 2836 – Adopting Rate Schedule 62 and Schedule 50 Delivery Charge Rates: Trent Martin
9. **Executive Session:** If needed, the Presiding Officer will follow the Executive Session Procedure included with this agenda. Following the Executive Session, the Board may take action in public related to the Executive Session.
10. **Motion to Adjourn** the Meeting

COWLITZ PUD EXECUTIVE SESSION PROCEDURE

The Board may meet in Executive Session for any reason authorized under the Open Public Meetings Act, RCW 42.30.110 (1), using the following procedure:

1. Announce the Executive Session

We will now adjourn into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110 (1) for _____ minutes unless extended by the Presiding Officer. The purpose of the executive session is (choose one of the following):

- a. (i) To consider matters affecting national security;
- (ii) To consider, if in compliance with any required data security breach disclosure under RCW [19.255.010](#) and [42.56.590](#), and with legal counsel available, information regarding the infrastructure and security of computer and telecommunications networks, security and service recovery plans, security risk assessments and security test results to the extent that they identify specific system vulnerabilities, and other information that if made public may increase the risk to the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of agency security or to information technology infrastructure or assets;
- b. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- c. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price. However, final action selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- d. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- f. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a public officer or employee. However, upon the request of such officer or employee, a public hearing, or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted upon such complaint or charge;
- g. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a public employee. However, subject to RCW [42.30.140\(4\)](#), discussion by a governing body of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the agency shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when a governing body elects to take final action hiring, setting the salary of an individual employee or class of employees, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- i. To discuss with legal counsel representing the agency matters relating to agency enforcement actions, or to discuss with legal counsel representing the agency litigation or potential litigation to which the agency, the governing body, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the agency

2. Return to Open Public Meeting

- a. Once the session concludes, the board will return to open meeting.
- b. If any action is taken it must take place in open meeting.
- c. Action may not take place earlier than the time for which the executive session was to conclude, including any extensions announced by the Presiding Officer.

Note: The foregoing is not a complete list of allowed purposes to hold an executive session under RCW 42.30.110 (1) but represents the most likely purposes for Cowlitz PUD.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON**MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING OF COMMISSIONERS
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Cowlitz PUD Board Room and Microsoft Teams**

Present:**COMMISSIONERS**

Dave Quinn, President
Duane Dalgleish, Vice President
Bruce Pollock, Secretary

STAFF

Alice Dietz, Communication & Public Relations Manager
Casey Kalal, Director of Operations
Chris Velat, Acting General Manager
Dever Haffner-Ratliffe, Regulatory Affairs Coordinator
Heather Sorensen, Director of Customer Service & Compliance
Lance Larwick, Director of Engineering
Marisa Heard, Manager of Employee Services
Monica Petterson, Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board
Richard Hughes, General Counsel
Tim Kalimanis, Director of Technology
Trent Martin, Director of Accounting/CFO

PUBLIC

Brenda Crawford
Mike Crawford
Mike Kayser

1. CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to published Notice, Commissioner Quinn called the Regular Board meeting of the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO BOARD AGENDA

Commissioner Quinn noted the addition of Action Item 8.3, Resolution No. 2835 waiving the District's option to purchase the White Creek Wind Project.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the February 24, 2026 Board Agenda as amended.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

4. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Dalgleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the February 10, 2026 Regular Board Meeting minutes as written.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AND OTHER DISTRICT BUSINESS

There was no public comment.

6. MOTION TO RATIFY/APPROVE VOUCHERS/PAYROLL

Approval of Vouchers in the amount of \$27,971,013.78. The Board reviewed expenditures of the District as required by RCW 42.24.180 for which payments were issued between February 12, 2026 and February 19, 2026, under the provisions of Resolution No. 2762.

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve the ratification of the vouchers/payroll.

Heather Sorensen, in her role as Auditor for the District, reported the disbursements and payroll included in this report have been reviewed and approved in accordance with RCW 42.24.180. Invoices have been authorized by management, verified against supporting documentation, and pre-audited by designated staff for accuracy, proper coding, and compliance with the District's policies. Staff requests the Board approve the ratification of the vouchers and payroll as presented.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

7. GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Columbia Generating Station: Acting General Manager Chris Velat reported Energy Northwest brought the Columbia Generating Station back online last week after taking it offline due to an equipment issue. The Station is currently operating at 1,175 MW of output.

BPA 2022 Substation Event: One of the men arrested in connection with the 2022 Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) substation attack was recently sentenced to 18 months in federal prison.

PacifiCorp Sale: PacifiCorp entered into an agreement with Portland General Electric to sell its Chehalis thermal plant, Marengo wind facility, the Goodnoe Hills wind facility, and the associated distribution infrastructure. The transaction still needs approval from various states and could take up to a year to finalize. PacifiCorp will retain ownership of its hydroelectric facilities on the Lewis River.

WECC Price Cap: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) recently eliminated the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) soft price cap of \$1,000/MWh. They feel there are now proper safeguards in place and enough market oversight that it is no longer needed to ensure just and reasonable rates.

Board Workshop Topics: We will be adding 2026 public outreach events to the agenda for the March 10, 2026 Board Workshop. This is in addition to the previously scheduled topics: BPA Provider of Choice Contract High Water Mark and Tier 2 Election, New Large Single Load Policy update, and Facilities update. The workshop will now be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. to allow sufficient time for discussion on these items.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1. Public Hearing for the Surplus of Property

The Commission has set the Regular meeting of February 24, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Cowlitz PUD John Searing Auditorium and remotely via Microsoft Teams as the time and place to hold a Public Hearing to take public comment regarding the surplus of District property.

Commissioner Quinn opened the public hearing.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Quinn closed the public hearing.

8.2. Motion to Approve Staff Recommendation No. 5/2/24 – Surplus of Property

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Staff Recommendation No. 5/2/24.

Heather Sorensen explained that the Surplus Committee reviewed requests received from staff, which were included in the Board meeting materials, and recommends that the 230kV GSU high bushings, fleet vehicles, and fleet trailer detailed in the requests be declared surplus to the needs of the District and that they are disposed of in accordance with RCW 54.16.180.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

8.3. Motion to Approve Resolution No. 2835 – To Accept an Offer Received from White Creek Wind I, LLC for the District to Waive its Option to Purchase the White Creek Wind Project

It was moved by Commissioner Dalglish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to approve Resolution No. 2835.

Chris Velat explained the District approved Resolution No. 2573 in December 2006 relating, in part, to the Asset Purchase Option Agreement for the White Creek Wind project. The Resolution granted energy purchasers the option to purchase the project at year 20. The project owner has expressed its intent to retain ownership of the project and is seeking certainty of ongoing ownership by requesting the Optionholders waive their purchase option. The project owner has presented a cash offer to the District in exchange for waiving our asset purchase option at the end of the Power Purchase Agreement. Discussions with the other Optionholders indicated there was no aligned interest in exercising the Asset Purchase Option and some were unwilling to fund 100% of the purchase obligation. District staff believe it is in the best interest of the District to accept the offer based on analyses of the Asset Purchase Option Agreement and an independent project valuation.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

Customer Mike Kayser provided comment in support of this Resolution.

9. STAFF REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 9.1.** Trent Martin provided an update of the District's major industrial delivery charges. The District has two major industrial rate classes, schedules 50 and 62, which are reviewed annually. In evaluating current rates, the District used allocation percentages from the recent Cost-of-Service (COSA) model update along with approved 2026 budgeted costs. Based on the evaluation, staff is proposing a preliminary delivery charge increase of 3% for Schedule 50 customers, and 21% for Schedule 62 customers. Staff will seek Board approval for the proposed increases at the March 10, 2026 Board meeting.

9.2. District staff provided highlights and answered Commissioner questions regarding the January 2026 Operational Reports which were included in the Board meeting materials.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

No Executive Session needed.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

It was moved by Commissioner Dagleish and seconded by Commissioner Pollock to adjourn the Regular Board Meeting at 3:52 p.m.

The motion carried 3 to 0.

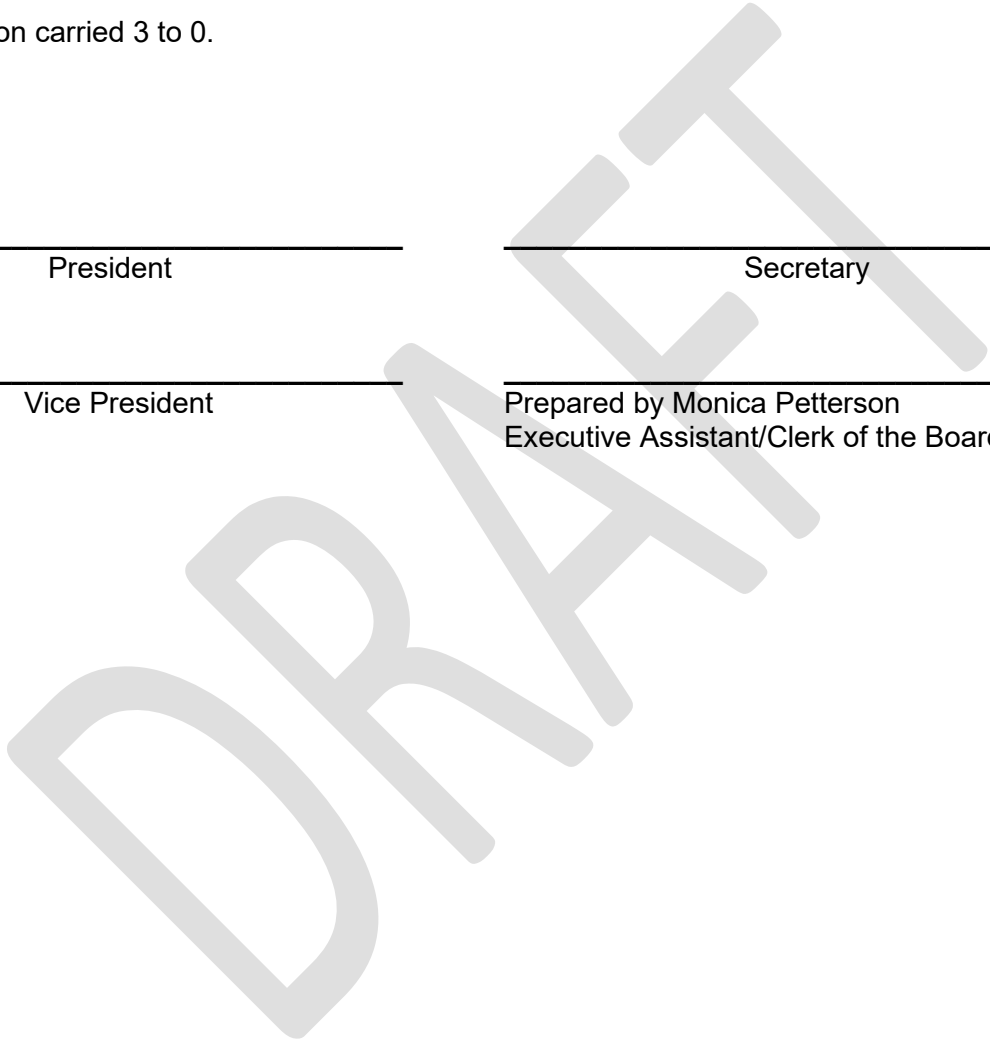
Attest:

President

Secretary

Vice President

Prepared by Monica Petterson
Executive Assistant/Clerk of the Board



RESOLUTION NO. 2832 AMENDED

A RESOLUTION authorizing the adoption of ten-year conservation resource potential and biennial conservation target as required by RCW 19.285.040 and WAC 194-37-070. This is an amendment of the original Resolution 2832 adopted December 9, 2025.

WHEREAS, Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington (the District) is a public utility district duly organized and validly existing under the provisions of Title 54 RCW; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to RCW 19.285.040 the Commission approved on November 14, 2023, the District’s ten-year conservation potential of 67.17 aMW for 2024-2033 and biennial target of 4.57 aMW for 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, RCW 19.285.040 requires the District at least every two years review and update its conservation potential assessment; and

WHEREAS, the ten-year conservation potential must be developed using methodologies consistent with those of the Northwest Power and Conservation Council (NWPCC), while the biennial conservation target must at a minimum be a pro-rata share of the ten-year potential; and

WHEREAS, the District has used a methodology allowed under the EIA and is consistent with NWPCC methodology to determine its ten-year and two-year targets, and

WHEREAS, the District has determined that its ten-year (2026-2036) conservation potential is **41.1** aMW and its biennial target is **3.1** aMW for 2026-2027, and

WHEREAS, the Board has provided public notice and the opportunity to comment on the ten-year and biennial target as required by WAC 194.37.070, and

WHEREAS, the District recommends the Board approve the ten-year potential and biennial target, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, does hereby authorize adoption of the District’s updated ten-year conservation potential of **41.1** aMW for 2026-2036, and updated biennial target **3.1** aMW (27,156 MWh) for 2026-2027.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 10th day of March 2026.

President

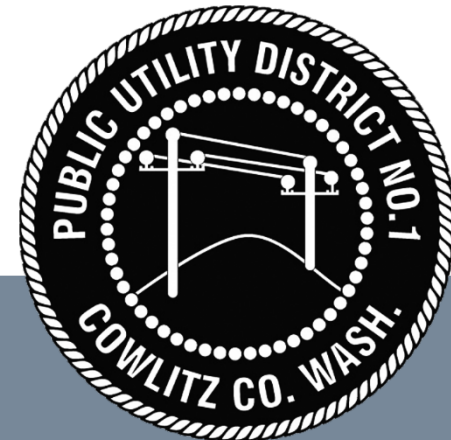
Vice President

Attest:

Secretary

**Cowlitz PUD
Conservation Potential
Assessment
Resolution Amendment**

March 10, 2026



Resolution 2832

- Resolution 2832 requires an amendment to reflect an updated value from 30,193 MWh to 27,156 MWh
- The 30,193 MWh figure included the busbar factor of 1.11183

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, does hereby authorize adoption of the District's updated ten-year conservation potential of **41.1** aMW for 2026-2036, and updated biennial target **3.1** aMW (**30,193 MWh**) for 2026-2027.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, does hereby authorize adoption of the District's updated ten-year conservation potential of **41.1** aMW for 2026-2036, and updated biennial target **3.1** aMW (**27,156 MWh**) for 2026-2027.

To: Cowlitz PUD Board of Commissioners
Gary Huhta, General Manager

From: Trent Martin, Director of Accounting and Finance

Re: Resolution No. 2836 - Rate Schedule 62 and Schedule 50 Delivery Charge Rates

Date: March 10, 2026

Rate Schedule 62 – New Large Single Load Class

Power and related transmission costs are directly charged to this rate class based on contractual provisions. Other District costs are assessed via Board approved Base and Demand Charges under Rate Schedule 62.

The last rate adjustment was in April 2025.

Based on an analysis of applicable costs, it was determined the Schedule 62 Demand Charge should be increased to recover increasing operating expenses and net costs associated with statewide clean energy requirements.

Schedule 50 Delivery Charge – Committed to Contracted for Loads

Power and related transmission costs are directly charged to this rate class based on contractual provisions. Other District costs are assessed via Board approved Delivery Charge.

The last rate adjustment was in April 2025.

Based on an analysis of applicable costs, it was determined the Schedule 50 Delivery Charge should be increased to recover costs. Applicable costs include but are not limited to power management, indirect transmission costs, customer service, energy efficiency and administrative and general.

I recommend the Board of Commissioners approve Resolution No. 2836.

RESOLUTION NO. 2836

A RESOLUTION of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, Adopting Rate Schedule 62 and Schedule 50 Delivery Charge Rates

WHEREAS, each year the District conducts analysis relating to the revenue requirement and electric rates of the District; and,

WHEREAS, District staff has reviewed the results of analysis and due largely to rising operating expenses and net costs associated with statewide clean energy requirements, finds that Schedule 62 electric rates should be increased to recover costs related to serving customers for which this schedule is applicable; and,

WHEREAS, District staff has reviewed the results of analysis and finds that the Schedule 50 Delivery Charge should be increased to recover costs related to serving customers for which this schedule is applicable as follows; and,

- Energy Charge: \$.38 per megawatt hour
- Tier 1 Demand Charge (first 50 MW): \$1,121 per megawatt
- Tier 2 Demand Charge: \$170 per megawatt

WHEREAS, the Commission finds the rates as proposed will provide the revenue required at this time and are fair and non-discriminatory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. **THAT** the attached Rate Schedule 62 of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington, shall be established and confirmed effective as of January 1, 2026; and,
2. **THAT** the proposed Schedule 50 Delivery Charge rates shall be established and confirmed effective as of January 1, 2026.

ADOPTED by the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Cowlitz County, Washington this 10th day of March 2026.

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF
COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

By _____
President

Vice President

Secretary

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF COWLITZ COUNTY, WASHINGTON

**SCHEDULE 62 - DIRECT ACCESS DELIVERY CHARGE
TRANSMISSION VOLTAGE DELIVERY**

APPLICABILITY

Applicable under Special Contract to any and all uses normally served by the District supplied through a single meter and one Point of Delivery to Customers who are determined to be a New Large Single Load by the Bonneville Power Administration.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Transmission Voltage Delivery as available by the District and set forth under Special Contracts.

RATES

Monthly Base Charge	\$ 750.00
Demand Charge - per kW of Billing Demand	\$ 34.2953

The Billing Demand in this Schedule, after adjustment for Power Factor, will be the highest of:

- (1) The current month's highest 60-minute demand, or
- (2) Sixty percent (60%) of the highest 60-minute period occurring during the preceding eleven (11) months, or
- (3) Sixty percent (60%) of the Contract Demand (minimum Billing Demand 600 kW).

MINIMUM MONTHLY CHARGE

Subject to the terms of Special Contracts, the minimum monthly charge for Electric Service hereunder shall be the above stated Basic Charge plus applicable monthly demand charge per kW of Billing Demand.

POWER SUPPLY CHARGE

In addition to the above charges, the Customer is subject to charges for its power supply, transmission, charges associated with the District's compliance with both the Clean Energy Transformation Act and Climate Commitment Act, and other services as well as any other charges specified in the Special Contract between the Customer and the District. Additionally, the District reserves the right, in its sole determination, to assess additional charges to recoup pro-rata costs associated with new or amended legislation or regulatory compliance requirements not considered in the Special Contract or the current Schedule 62 rates.

TAXES

In addition to the above charges, the Customer shall be responsible to pay all applicable State and Local Taxes as they may be amended or superseded.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The customer will provide, install and maintain all necessary transformers to which the District's service is directly or indirectly connected. The customer will also provide, install and maintain the necessary switches, cutouts and protective equipment and, in addition, the necessary wiring on both the primary and secondary sides of the transformers. All transformers, equipment and wiring shall be of types and characteristics acceptable to the District. The entire installation and the balance of loads between phases must have the approval of the District.

For Electric Service under this Schedule, the District will require a Special Contract.

Adopted ~~March 10~~April 8, 202~~6~~5
By Resolution No. 283~~6~~24
Effective ~~April~~January 1, 202~~6~~5

Supersedes Rate Schedule 62
As Adopted ~~April 8, 2025~~January
~~24, 2023~~0
By Resolution No. 2824798
Effective ~~January~~April 1, 202~~5~~3