RESOLUTION NO. 1766

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County Authorizing Application for 100% ReConnect Grant

WHEREAS, the Board wishes for the District to apply for an FY-2022 grant with the USDA ReConnect Program; and

WHEREAS, in order to submit an application for such grant, the USDA ReConnect Program requires that the District's governing body authorize the application to be submitted and state the application's funding category and maximum award amount; and

WHEREAS, the District's proposed funded service area for the ReConnect Program, delineated at Exhibit A hereto, will expand the District's broadband infrastructure into the extremely rural areas of North Central and North East portions of Okanogan county, enabling service to1400 new residential customers and 750 new businesses; and

WHEREAS, the District's proposed project is estimated to cost \$14.4 million dollars, and the work is expected to take up to four years to complete; and

WHEREAS, the District's proposed project for the ReConnect Program meets the eligibility requirements for the 100% ReConnect grant for Socially Vulnerable Communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County hereby authorizes the District to make an application for a 100% ReConnect grant for Socially Vulnerable Communities in an amount not to exceed \$15 million dollars for the purposes stated above.

Dated this 14th day of February 2022

Jerry Asmussen, President

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William C. Colyar, Vice President

ATTEST: Scott Vejraska, Secretary

APPROVED as to form:

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Heidi E. Appel, General Counsel

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I, Wender Harff, am the Clerk of the Board, and certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County at a noticed Regular Board Meeting held on February 14, 2022, at which meeting a quorum was present.

Wendy Foth, Clerk of the Board