

**RESOLUTION NO. 1786**

**A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County Ratifying a Declaration of Emergency, Waiver of Competitive Bidding Procedures, and Authorization of Contracts Necessary to Repair District Facilities Damaged by Storm**

WHEREAS, RCW 39.04.280(1)(e) authorizes the District to waive competitive bidding requirements for contracts for public works and contracts for purchases in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, an emergency is defined by RCW 39.04.280(3) to mean an unforeseen circumstance beyond the control of the District that either: (a) presents a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions; or (b) will likely result in material loss or damage to property, bodily injury or loss of life if immediate action is not taken; and

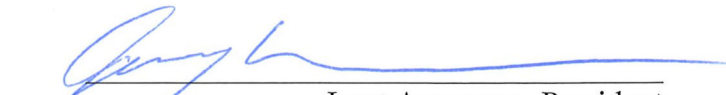
WHEREAS, During the week beginning November 6, 2022, an emergency occurred in the District's service territory due to an abnormal winter storm event causing heavy wet snow and wind conditions. The storm caused vegetation to impact the District's electric and fiber infrastructure, which resulted in extensive and repeated outages in various parts of the County. Most of the damage was downed power lines, which posed a threat to public safety. The outages affected nearly half of the District's customers, with some customers being without power for over forty hours.

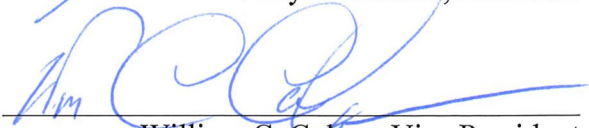
WHEREAS, under the authority delegated in Board Resolution No. 1728 and pursuant to RCW 39.04.280(b), the General Manager declared an emergency, waived competitive bidding requirements, and authorized contracts as necessary to repair the storm damage; and

WHEREAS, the Commission desires to ratify the actions of the General Manager.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County hereby ratifies the General Manager's declaration that an emergency occurred during the week of November 6, 2022, waiver of competitive bidding requirements, and authorization of all contracts necessary for repair of District facilities damaged by the storm.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2022.

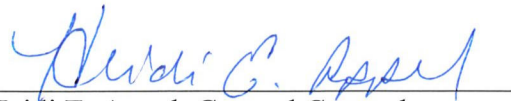
  
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