

RESOLUTION NO. 1610

A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County Declaring an Emergency Condition.

WHEREAS, there are wildfires throughout sections of Okanogan County that have claimed dozens of structures and left a substantial number of customers without power. Known as the Okanogan Complex Fire, the fire is the largest in Washington State history and has affected sixteen distribution circuits, seven substations and one transmission line in the District's service area. The District's backbone fiber has also burned in multiple locations, and re-establishing broadband connectivity could take several weeks; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the wildfires present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of essential functions of the District, and further finds that the wildfires have resulted in substantial material loss or damage to property and in all likelihood will result in future substantial loss or damage to District property and assets, and that the Board further finds that the facts demand immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, and to provide relief to those sections of Okanogan County overtaken by such occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Okanogan County has declared a state of emergency due to the fires, and the County's Emergency Management Department has declared emergency evacuations throughout Okanogan County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the above recitation of the facts, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County hereby declares an emergency and a disaster as defined in RCW 38.52.010(6)(a) and RCW 39.04.280(3). Said declaration shall be for all purposes delineated in RCW 38.52.070, including, but not limited to, the taking of all necessary acts to provide for emergency management and to confer upon the General Manager emergency powers and ratify any action taken by the General Manager since the outbreak of the fire, including, but not limited to, providing for the rendering of mutual aid amongst PUDs within the State and to cooperate with the State and Federal Government with respect to carrying out emergency management functions. This emergency is further declared for all purposes set forth in RCW 38.52.070(2) to allow the District the power to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster and to avoid time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds. This declaration of emergency/disaster is also for the purposes of RCW 39.04.280(1)(e), which provides that competitive bidding requirements may be waived for public works projects in the event of an emergency. Pursuant to RCW 39.04.280(2)(b), the person designated by the governing body of the District to act in the event of an emergency shall be the General Manager John Grubich. He shall be authorized to waive competitive bidding requirements and award all necessary contracts on behalf of the District. Any and all contracts

awarded without competitive bidding due to this emergency shall be based upon the above written finding of the existence of an emergency set forth herein.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF OKANOGAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON this 24^h day of August, 2015.



Steve Houston, President




Ernest J. Bolz, Vice President

ATTEST:



Scott Vejraska, Secretary

APPROVED as to form:



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