

## **RESOLUTION NO. 1611**

### **A RESOLUTION of the Commission of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County Amending Resolution No. 1610 Declaring an Emergency Condition**

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1610, duly adopted on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, declared an emergency due to the wildfires burning throughout sections of Okanogan County that claimed dozens of structures and left a substantial number of customers without power; and

WHEREAS, said wildfires affected sixteen distribution circuits, seven substations and one transmission line in the District's service area. The District's backbone fiber also burned in multiple locations; and

WHEREAS, said Resolution conferred upon the General Manager of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County (the District) emergency powers to provide for the rendering of mutual aid amongst Public Utility Districts (PUDs) within the State and to further authorize the General Manager to take all actions for all purposes set forth in RCW 38.52.070(2) to allow the District to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster and to avoid time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law; and

WHEREAS, such powers were exercised including, but not necessarily limited to, contracting for the rendering of mutual aid amongst other Washington State PUDs, contracting for materials and supplies, and contracting with private contractors necessary to assist in rebuilding of distribution and transmission lines; and


WHEREAS, once power was restored, District personnel diligently evaluated the condition of electric and broadband facilities in the areas affected by the fires; and

WHEREAS, although power has been successfully restored to all customers that are able to take power, substantial damage caused by the fires still needs to be repaired; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the updated information presented by District personnel, the Board finds that the unrepaired damages continue to present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of the essential functions of providing power and broadband service within Okanogan County, and unrepaired damages to the electric facilities will likely result in a material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, based upon the above recital of facts, the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Okanogan County hereby amends Resolution No. 1610, declaring an emergency condition, by limiting the areas of emergency to the electrical transmission and broadband facilities from Malott to Twisp and the electrical distribution facilities within the boundary of the recent fires that continue to present a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of the essential functions of providing power within Okanogan County, and that will likely result in a material loss or damage to property, bodily injury, or loss of life if immediate action is not taken.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.


  
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Steve Houston, President

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Ernest J. Bolz, Vice President

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