

RESOLUTION NO. 1436

A RESOLUTION OF PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY ADOPTING THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, on February 29th, 2020, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 20-05, proclaiming a state of Emergency for all counties throughout Washington State as a result of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) outbreak in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has caused a global economic slowdown, resulting in layoffs and reduced work hours creating adverse economic impacts within communities; and

WHEREAS, on March 17th, 2020, Public Utility District No. 1 of Pend Oreille County (the “District”) elected to suspend late payment penalty fees and disconnects for non-payment; and

WHEREAS, on March 18th, 2020, Governor Inslee, issued Proclamation 20-23, mandating the suspension of disconnect for nonpayment, the waiving of late fees and working with affected utility customers to establish payment arrangements; and

WHEREAS, on May 31st, Proclamation 20-23.4 was issued, extending and amending Proclamation 20-23 mandating the establishment of a customer support program, pertaining to Utility Ratepayer Assistance and Preservation of Essential Services through July 28, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the District has prepared a proposed customer support program for the COVID-19 pandemic, titled COVID-19 Emergency Energy Assistance Program; and

WHEREAS, the District’s COVID-19 Emergency Energy Assistance Program, funded with an initial contribution of \$12,000, will offer assistance and preservation of essential services to those customers experiencing hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the District separately maintains a customer support program called Neighbors in Need, which is administered through Rural Resources; and

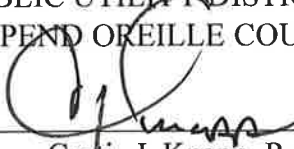
WHEREAS, the Commission has duly considered all matters pertaining to the proposed COVID-19 Emergency Energy Assistance Program;

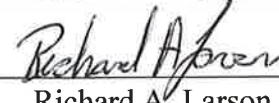
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the COVID-19 Emergency Energy Assistance Program is established as the District's designated customer support program;

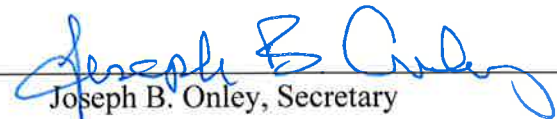
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the District shall, in addition to the initial \$12,000 in funding, provide an additional \$13,000 in funding for the COVID-19 Emergency Energy Assistance Program.

UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED this 16th day of June, 2020.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
OF PEND OREILLE COUNTY, WASHINGTON

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By  _____
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ATTEST:

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