

APPROVED 8-27-25

MINUTES City of Tacoma Public Utility Board Meeting August 13, 2025 6:30 p.m.

Chair O'Loughlin called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: John O'Loughlin; Elly Claus-McGahan; Devin Hampton; Anita Gallagher, William Bridges

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

Mr. Bridges moved that the minutes of the previous meetings be adopted; seconded by Ms. Gallagher. Voice vote was taken and carried. The minutes were declared adopted.

Public Comments

There were no comments by the public.

Regular Agenda

- C-1 Resolution U-11546 A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:
 - 1. Increase contract to Toba Consulting LLC for Automated Distribution Management System program management (\$1,195,600, plus a contingency of \$225,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative projected total \$1,920,600, plus applicable taxes) [Corey Bedient, Technology Mgr];
 - 2. Increase contract to National Response Corporation for emergency spill response and routine remediation activities for impacted properties across all Tacoma Public Utilities divisions (\$1,000,000, plus applicable taxes. Cumulative contract amount \$2,500,000, plus applicable taxes) [James Bozic, Principal Regulatory Compliance Analyst];
 - 3. Award contract to Miles Resources LLC for the replacement of acquired polyvinyl chloride (PVC) and asbestos concrete pipe water mains (\$717,745.65, plus a 15 percent contingency for a projected contract total of \$825,407.50, plus applicable taxes) [Troy Saghafi, Professional Engineer].

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

In response to a Board inquiry on item number two about how the contract amount was determined, James Bozic, Principal Regulatory Compliance Analyst, explained that it is based on the number of anticipated spills. There are many variables and costs are affected by circumstances. The numbers are predicted, and additional funding may be needed in the future. TPU still has a contract with GeoEngineers; this vendor will assure necessary resources to address spills through 2028.

There was no public comment.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11547 – Authorize Tacoma Power to adopt a ten-year achievable economic conservation potential of 131,068 MWh for the period of 2026 – 2035 and a two-year conservation target of 26,214 MWh for 2026 and 2027.

Mr. Bridges moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Ms. Gallagher.

Bryan Russo, Customer Energy Solutions Program Mgr, summarized the resolution. The Washington State Energy Independence Act (EIA) requires Tacoma Power to pursue cost effective conservation in the form of a ten-year conservation potential and a two-year conservation target by action of the utility's governing body. Tacoma Power's ten-year (2026 - 2035) conservation target is 131,068 MWh and its two-year (2026 - 2027) target is 26,214 MWh.

There were no public comments on this item.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

E. Final Board Comments

There were no final comments by the Board.

F. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. until Wednesday, August 27, 2025, for a study session at 3:00 p.m. and a regular meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Approved:

John O'Loughlin, Chair

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