



APPROVED 8/12/26

MINUTES
City of Tacoma
Public Utility Board Meeting
July 22, 2026
6:30 p.m.

Acting Chair Gallagher called the Public Utility Board meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present: Anita Gallagher; John O'Loughlin; William Bridges; Devin Hampton

Excused: Elly Claus-McGahan

Minutes of the Previous Meetings

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

Regular Agenda

C-1 Resolution U-11613- A resolution to award certain contracts and approve certain purchases:

1. Increase contract with Tapani, Inc., for a planned progressive design build amendment to construct the Canyonfalls Creek Pump Station and associated Pipeline 1 improvements (\$16,609,845, plus a five percent contingency. Projected total \$23,994,642.25, plus applicable taxes) [Jason Moline, Professional Engineer];
2. Award contract to Award Construction for the construction of improvements to the Green River Filtration Facility ozone system (\$5,447,760, plus a 15 percent contingency. Projected total \$6,264,924, plus applicable taxes) [Michael Gorenson, Professional Engineer].

Mr. Hampton moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-2 Resolution U-11614 – Authorize Tacoma Power to execute a non-firm, point-to-point transmission service agreement with Seattle City Light

Mr. Hampton moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

John Nierenberg, Asst. T&D Manager, summarized the resolution. Seattle City Light has requested to enter into a non-firm point-to-point transmission service agreement with Tacoma Power. In 1996, the Federal Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Order Nos. 888 and 889, that established open access transmission service. Until then, transmission owners could deny the use of their transmission systems, which negatively

impacted the wholesale power market used to sell and purchase power. Even though FERC does not have direct jurisdiction over Tacoma Power, the Board and City Council approved at Tacoma Power's request an Open Access Transmission Tariff (OATT) to provide transmission service to wholesale customers in 2012, with the most recently updated rates and terms approved by the Board and City Council in 2021. The OATT contains both the terms and conditions, and the rates, associated with the provision of transmission service. Seattle has requested non-firm Point-To-Point (PTP) Transmission Service from Tacoma Power that will give Seattle the ability to facilitate the delivery and/or receipt of power to or from customers outside of Tacoma Power's service territory. The PTP service, as the name implies, is used to transfer power from a single point of receipt to a single point of delivery, and the transmission between the two points is commonly referred to as a transmission path, with such service also segregated into firm and non-firm service. The actual transmission service desired will be requested and granted via Tacoma Power's internet-based Open-Access Same-Time Information System (OASIS), for an initial term of three years.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-3 Resolution U-11615 – Authorize adoption of Tacoma Power's demand forecast and resource supply forecast for use as described in the Washington State Department of Ecology's rules implementing the Climate Commitment Act

Mr. Hampton moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

Kyle Frankiewicz, Principal Data Analyst, summarized the resolution. Tacoma Power seeks approval for the adoption of Tacoma Power's demand forecast and resource supply forecast for use as described in the Washington State Department of Ecology's rules implementing the Climate Commitment Act (CCA). If the resolution is adopted, Tacoma Power will submit the Board-approved CCA-specific forecasts to Ecology to use in calculating Tacoma Power's no-cost allowance allocation schedule. The CCA established a cap-and-invest program in Washington State to reduce economy-wide greenhouse emissions. The statute specifies that electric utilities which are also subject the 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act are eligible for "no-cost allowances" under the CCA to mitigate for the cost burden created by the cap-and-invest program. On August 24, 2022, the Board passed a resolution approving the development of a CCA cost burden estimate template and directing Tacoma Power staff to provide a completed CCA cost burden estimate to Ecology prior to October 1; this estimate was submitted on September 8, 2022, and was used by Ecology to determine Tacoma Power's no-cost allowance allocations during the program's first four-year compliance window (2023-2026). On September 29, 2022, Ecology adopted agency rules implementing the CCA, specifying that Ecology will calculate an electric utility's no-cost allocation using CCA-specific forecasts of demand and resource supply approved by the utility's governing body (WAC 173-446-230(c)(i)), if provided, and Tacoma Power has prepared a CCA-specific demand forecast and a CCA-specific resource supply forecast. These forecasts are in alignment with the methodology previously approved by the Board and comply with Ecology's rules and guidelines.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

C-4 Resolution U-11616 – Authorize adoption of Tacoma Power’s 2026 Integrated Resource Plan and ten-year Clean Energy Action Plan as required by state law.

Mr. Hampton moved to adopt the resolution; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

Leah Marquez-Glynn, Asst. Power Mgr, summarized the resolution. Chapter 19.280 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) requires Tacoma Power to develop and update Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) and make it available to the public every two years. Tacoma Power’s last IRP was completed in 2024 and must submit the 2026 IRP to the Department of Commerce by September 2, 2026. The 2026 IRP analysis meets all planning requirements set out in RCW 19.280.030. Tacoma Power’s 2026 IRP identifies conservation and demand response as preferred resource investments but does not recommend any new supply-side resource acquisitions at this time.

Prior to voting, per RCW 19.280, a public hearing on this resolution was held. There were no public comments.

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

Tacoma Water

C-5 Motion 26-05 – Approve a settlement of Claim W-045-24, including all related claims, with Evelyn and Jose Castellar regarding claims associated with the property damage to claimants’ home located at 39th PI SW in Federal Way, Washington, arising from a broken water main on September 24, 2024, in the final payment amount of \$977,865.51, with a total amount paid of \$1,465,689.74, for the full and final resolution of all claims associated with claimants’ property damage.

Mr. Hampton moved to approve the motion; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

Engel Lee, Chief Deputy City Attorney, summarized the motion. This settlement results from a property damage claim resulting from a broken Tacoma Water main. The damages have accrued over time resulting in the settlement amount.

Voice vote taken and carried. The motion was approved.

Acting Chair Gallagher moved to suspend the rules to hear walk-on Resolution U-11616; seconded by Mr. Bridges. There were no public comments on the suspension of the rules. Voice vote to suspend the rules taken and carried. Acting Chair Gallagher moved to adopt Resolution U-11617; seconded by Mr. Bridges.

Resolution U-11617 – A Resolution approving a letter of agreement as negotiated with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 483, Customer and Field Services, regarding job placement options and impacts of Tacoma Fire Department ambulance billing sub-contacting.

Dylan Carlson, Labor Relations Division Manager, summarized the resolution. The Tacoma Fire Department (TFD) has determined to subcontract the work performed by their ambulance billing unit which will cause a reduction in force affecting several TFD

employees within the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 483, Customer and Field Services Unit (IBEW), bargaining unit. The City and IBEW have reached tentative agreement regarding a voluntary demotion option for Tacoma Fire Department employees in the Customer Services classification series. TPU Customer Service division anticipates it will have four Customer Service Representative positions available in September 2026 and will offer these positions to employees in the TFD Ambulance Billing Unit in order of seniority to voluntarily demote in lieu of layoff. Employees who accept this voluntary demotion will forfeit any formal layoff or re-employment rights in their prior classification and department and employees who accept voluntary demotion to TPU Customer Service must successfully complete the TPU Customer Service new hire training program lasting approximately 12 weeks. Once trained, employees having accepted voluntary demotion will need to meet the performance expectations of a Customer Service Representative. Employees accepting voluntary demotion shall serve a trial service period of nine months during which an employee may be separated during this period at the exclusive determination of TPU Management. An employee separated during their trial service period shall have no rights to appeal their separation through the contractual grievance procedure or Civil Service Board but may appeal such decision within fourteen calendar days to the Director of Utilities whose decision shall be final and binding. The separated employee will be placed on the Customer Service Representative reemployment list, but shall not be eligible for recall to a position in TPU Customer Service and seniority within the TPU Customer Service work group for purposes such as vacation and shift bidding shall be in accordance with the CFS collective bargaining agreement Article 9, Section 9.1

Voice vote taken and carried. The resolution was adopted.

D. Final Board Comments

There were no further comments by Board Members

E. Adjournment

There being no further business or comments, the Public Utility Board meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. until Wednesday, August 12, 2026, for a 3:00 p.m. study session followed by a 6:30 p.m. regular meeting.

Approved:



Elly Claus, Chair



Devin Hampton, Secretary