



RESOLUTION NO. U-11425

1 A RESOLUTION adopting an updated version of Public Utility Board Guiding
2 Principle Five that merges the previously adopted Guiding Principles Five
3 and Eleven into one Guiding Principle and renames it Guiding Principle
4 Five on Environmental Sustainability; Guiding Principle Five was
5 previously adopted by Resolution U-11131 on January 8, 2020, and
6 Guiding Principle Eleven was previously adopted by Resolution U-11193
7 on September 9, 2020.

8 WHEREAS the Environmental Sustainability policy establishes TPU's
9 commitment to being stewards of the region's bountiful natural resources, and a
10 leader in the preservation, protection, and restoration of those resources while
11 maintaining our excellent delivery of services; and

12 WHEREAS Guiding Principle Five on Environmental Leadership ("GP-5")
13 was last adopted by Resolution U-11131 and Guiding Principle Eleven on
14 Decarbonization was last adopted by Resolution U-11193, and combining these
15 interrelated Guiding Principles together with certain revisions are requested as
16 and update to GP-5, including renaming it to Guiding Principle Five on
17 Environmental Sustainability; and

18 WHEREAS these policy updates were developed at regularly scheduled
19 Public Utility Board ("Board") study sessions and all future Board reviews and
20 amendments will be handled similarly; and

21 WHEREAS the Board has committed to monitor and ensure compliance
22 with Board Guiding Principles. This oversight provides an opportunity for the
23 Board and staff to clarify, revise and develop new policies, when necessary, as
24 TPU navigates changes in the utility industry; and
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WHEREAS the Board and Director have determined that combining the previous Guiding Principles Five and Eleven, together with adopting updates to Public Utility Board Guiding Principle 5 is in the best interests of Tacoma Public Utilities and the ratepayers; Now, Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

That the combined and updated Public Utility Board Guiding Principle Five on Environmental Sustainability, in the form as on file with the Clerk, is adopted and approved.

Approved as to form:

Chair

/s/

Chief Deputy City Attorney

Secretary

Adopted _____

Clerk



Board Action Memorandum

TO: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities
FROM: Engel Lee, Chief Deputy City Attorney
Charleen Jacobs, Clerk of the Board
MEETING DATE: December 13, 2023
DATE: December 4, 2023

SUMMARY: A resolution combining former Guiding Principle 5 titled Environmental Leadership, adopted by Resolution U-11131 on January 8, 2020 and Guiding Principle 11 titled Decarbonization, adopted by Resolution U-11193 on September 9, 2020, and titling the new Guiding Principle Environmental Sustainability with the number of GP5.

BACKGROUND:

The Environmental Sustainability policy establishes TPU's commitment to being stewards of the region's bountiful natural resources, and a leader in the preservation, protection, and restoration of those resources while maintaining our excellent delivery of services. It is clear that in order to ensure we fulfill or operational duties into the future, we must balance our resource usage with the health of our environment. Tacoma Public Utilities seeks to be a leader in decarbonization of the electric utility system and transportation electrification and to promote Tacoma Power's renewable and nearly carbon free generation portfolio as a driver of economic development and a competitive advantage for existing customers.

These policies were developed/modified at regularly scheduled or properly-noticed Board study sessions and meetings and all future reviews and amendments to the Public Utility Board policies will be in handled similarly.

The Public Utility Board has committed to monitor and ensure compliance with Board policies. This oversight provides an opportunity for the Board and staff to clarify, revise and develop new policy when necessary as TPU navigates changes in the utility industry.

ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED? N/A

IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR? N/A

ATTACHMENTS: Guiding Principle Five – Environmental Sustainability

CONTACT: Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities



PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD POLICY

<p>Category: Guiding Principle</p> <p>Date of Adoption: January 8, 2020</p> <p>Resolution No. U-11131</p> <p>Revision Date: December 13, 2023 via Resolution U-11426</p>	<p>Title: Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Policy Number: 5</p>
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Purpose

Tacoma Public Utilities seeks to be a leader in the preservation, protection, and restoration of our region’s environment while maintaining the delivery of reliable and affordable services. We remain committed to environmental stewardship practices, further decarbonization and electrification efforts, and other initiatives to meet these objectives.

Outcomes

1. TPU will conduct operations in a manner that promotes principles of environmental stewardship. This includes incorporating the reduction of waste, greenhouse gas emissions, and pollution as core elements of continuous improvement.
2. TPU will promote and support decarbonization efforts that provide benefits for our customers. TPU will seek to partner with and support customer electrification and decarbonization efforts.
3. TPU will remain ready to support customer needs and remove barriers related to electrification, with a focus on understanding and equitably supporting our most vulnerable and historically marginalized customers.
4. TPU will prioritize ecological protection of our land as a guarantee of future water and power services, and our commitment to the restoration of fish, wildlife and their habitat.
5. TPU will support public policies that enhance our environment, promote sustainable use of our natural resources, and advance effective and feasible decarbonization and electrification efforts.

6. TPU will work to foster a sense of stewardship in our community and workforce through communication strategies and tangible actions, such as educating customers about decarbonization opportunities and sharing our progress on a variety of environmental stewardship initiatives.
7. TPU will partner with Tribal governments in the restoration and stewardship of our natural resources.

Measurements

1. Report progress on ongoing TPU and joint TPU-General Government initiatives related to environmental stewardship and climate change.
2. Track community outreach and communication activities related to environmental stewardship, customer rebates, decarbonization, and electrification, as well as customer participation in programs.
3. Report on our work on environmental and climate-related policies at the local, state, and federal levels.

Reporting

1. Frequency: Annually, or as otherwise suitable.
2. Reporting Method: A memo and presentation to the Public Utility Board.