

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Director Sischo attended an AEGIS Conference in Vancouver B.C. July 15-18 with PURMS Third-Party Administrator Dick Rodruck. He reported that AEGIS provided assurance to PURMS that the liability layer for wildfire was going to remain at the \$35 million level. Additionally, if PURMS elected to move the liability line from \$35 Million to \$50 Million, AEGIS would make an additional \$25 Million available for wildfire. When included with the second tier EIM coverage, this new option would move PURMS back to \$100 million in wildfire coverage. Currently there is \$60 Million in wildfire liability coverage. Director Sischo will be traveling to Ellensburg in September with Mr. Rodruck to meet with AEGIS personnel and risk managers from PUDs not currently in the PURMS risk pool. The goal of the meeting is to develop a liability pool for PUDs that will provide standalone wildfire insurance coverage.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Commissioner McCall attended the Washington PUD Association (WPUDA) meetings July 17-19 in Longview, Washington. He reported that at the Commissioner Education and Roundtable the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) CEO provided an update on BPA activities. During the roundtable he reported on the PUDs 37th consecutive clean audit and the bond financing that will pay off the City of Clarkston's Revenue Bonds. The Government Relations Committee heard from a senior Seattle Times reporter about the importance of grid reliability and the permitting renewable energy projects. The Legislative Committee heard from WPUDA lobbyists regarding the 2025 Legislature and the loss of many long-term legislators and changes in committee chairs. They addressed the Governor's race, the ballot initiatives and low-income assistance. The Water Committee discussed the limited water legislation being proposed for the 2025 Legislature, low-income assistance program development and Ecology's water rights policy 2030. At the Board Meeting the group discussed the special purpose districts federal legislation and heard an update on Energy Northwest small scale nuclear reactors.

Commissioner Ridge virtually attended the WPUDA meetings July 18-19. She reported that an Energy Committee speaker discussed the Northwest Regional Energy Forecast stating that expectations include a 30% growth in energy demand over the next 10 years fueling the need for new generation. An Avista Utilities guest speaker discussed the importance of wildfire planning and safety. WPUDA and Avista are working together to develop and support legislation regarding catastrophic losses to utilities. Low-income assistance programs and grid reliability were also topics of discussion.

Commissioner McCall will be virtually attending an Energy Northwest Board meeting July 24.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.