

Commissioners

Linda Oosterman – District 1  
Russell E. Olsen – District 2  
Chris Stearns – District 3



Providing safe, reliable, affordable, and sustainable service.

November 8, 2023

From: General Manager  
To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Ridgewood 609 Water System - Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements  
IAW RCW 39.04.280(2)(b)

Commissioners:

In accordance with RCW 39.04.280(2)(b) I declared an emergency existed and waived the small works roster competitive bidding requirements.

After receiving calls from customers without water, PUD staff found that an underground power line at the Ridgewood 609 water system had burned out leaving 71 homes without power. This emergency was beyond the control of the municipality and presented a real and immediate threat to the proper performance of the water system. On Wednesday, November 8, 2023, I therefore declared an emergency existed and waived the small works roster competitive bidding requirements in accordance with RCW 39.4.280(2)(b).

Authorization to award and expedite necessary contracts on behalf of PUD No. 1 of Thurston County to address this emergency was approved. The emergency action and waiver of the competitive bidding requirements were necessary.

This is the written finding required by the applicable RCW of the existence of an emergency. This written finding is presented to notify the Commission and the public at the next regularly scheduled Commission meeting. This finding is duly entered of record no later than two weeks following the award of the contract.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Weidenfeller".

John Weidenfeller  
General Manager