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January 10, 2019

From: General Manager
To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Per RCW 39.04.280(2)(b)

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

On Thursday, January 10, 2019, we were notified that the electrical panel in the 200th water system pumphouse posed a significant fire hazard and required immediate replacement. The 200th water system is a Group B system in Pierce County with eight connections.

Staff investigated and determined that there was an emergent issue as indicated by electrical arcing that occurred during inspection. Director of Operations and Compliance Kim Gubbe recommended that due to the hazardous state of the electrical panel, and that work required was beyond the licensed capabilities of our staff, the District should hire a contractor to address the issue.

This electrical panel hazard presented a real, immediate threat to the proper performance of the water system's essential functions; posed a potential loss to property; and created an overall safety risk to the community.

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 brought to notify the Commission and the public at the next available public meeting. This finding is duly entered of record no later than two weeks following the award of the contract.

Sincerely,

John Weidenfeller

John Weidenfeller, General Manager