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September 11, 2025

From: General Manager, John Weidenfeller
To: PUD Commissioners

Subject: Emergency Waiver of Competitive Bidding Requirements Per RCW 39.04.280(2)(b)
Isolation Valve Failure at Skookumchuck 612 Water System (Skookumchuck RD & Trout LN)

Commissioners:

In accordance with RCW 39.04.280(2)(b), I declare that an emergency exists and have waived the small works roster competitive bidding requirements.

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

On Thursday, September 11, 2025, after completing emergency repairs to a broken water main, it was discovered that an essential valve on the water system had failed, and water could not be restored to the customers without the risk of bodily injury or loss of life if immediate action was not taken. Due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the PUD, this system failure presents an immediate threat to the performance of the essential functions of the water system that could likely result in bodily injury or loss of life if immediate action was not taken.

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 into the 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