

PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1 OF CLALLAM COUNTY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION ON FIBER, PILOT, AND BROADBAND SYSTEMS
NOVEMBER 8, 2004

The Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Clallam County held a broadband work session at the Port Angeles Office, 2431 East Highway 101, on the above date commencing at 9 a.m.

Commissioners present were: W.E. Purser, President; Hugh Haffner, Vice President; and Hugh E. Simpson, Jr., Secretary.

Staff present were: Dennis Bickford, General Manager; Shelley Burgett, Treasurer/Controller; Fred Mitchell, Telecommunications & Power Resources Manager; Ken Morgan, Transmission and Substation Systems Manager; Quimby Moon, Engineer; Patrick O'Connor, SCADA Administrator; and Carol Biss, Executive Assistant.

Others present were: Jim Cooper, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe; Ariel Hansen, Sequim Gazette; Mike Hensen, NoaNet; Tom Thomas, Joyce Broadband; Robert Zeff, Nikola Engineering.

There was a discussion of considerations pertaining to a line extension policy. It was pointed out that there are unique aspects to fiber line extensions. So, as a practical matter, they may need to be treated on an individual basis.

The LUD concept was discussed as a financing mechanism for customers that want broadband services. Other financing mechanisms were suggested, e.g., term contracts.

The District expects a customer contribution for line extensions. There was a discussion of whether all or part of the line extension would be paid by the customer depending on whether it was for public benefit or private benefit.

It was suggested that the District establish a co-location policy that facilitates use of the network, for example, pole contacts, use of the District facility roof space for antennae.

Charges for engineering work for estimates were discussed. It was suggested that District staff pursue the development of a policy that would include a preliminary estimate for fiber line extensions at no charge and, perhaps, a reimbursable fee for production of an engineering work order.

The work session adjourned at 12 Noon.