## **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-013**

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, Authorizing a Sole Source Purchase of G&W reclosers and SEL controls

WHEREAS, the Commissioners have concluded, upon the recommendation of the District staff, that there is a need to replace many of the reclosers and controls now being used by the District to monitor and protect lines, equipment and the public; and WHEREAS, replacement is required because many of the reclosers and controls are failing and the old controls are obsolete and cannot be repaired; and

WHEREAS, when the District upgraded the District's substations and lines, new SEL controls and G&W reclosers were installed that are compatible with the assets purchased from PSE; and

WHEREAS, with the current SEL controls and G&W reclosers, the District is able to utilize existing protective settings and is able to substantially reduce engineering staff training cost by programming in one language; and

WHEREAS PUD staff has an existing experience in maintenance and installation of this equipment; and

WHEREAS the PUD has an existing SCADA system and this equipment enables the PUD to reduce development and graphics design costs and reduces the need to add specialized personnel to add the new equipment to the SCADA computerized network due to staff knowledge and experience in maintenance and installation of this equipment; THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County, Washington, as follows:

Section 1. The Commissioners hereby approve of the purchase of G&W reclosers and SEL controls to include 351R, 351S, and RTAC, at prices to be negotiated by the District Manager and staff.

- Section 2. The Commissioners have determined that the competitive bidding requirements set forth in RCW 54.04.070 should and shall be waived in these purchases, as authorized by RCW 39.04.280(1)(a), for the reason that this is a purchase which is clearly and legitimately limited to a single source of supply, said determination is based on the following reasons:
- (a) As indicated herein, the Commissioners find that the District has already made a substantial investment in the G&W reclosers and SEL controls, and has found them to be reliable and economical, thus making it unacceptably expensive and potentially putting the District at risk for operational failures if it were to consider switching to other equipment, and
- (b) The G&W reclosers and SEL controls are unique and there is only one regional source/vender that provides this equipment, namely from Peak Measure, Ridgefield Washington. No other Vendor is allowed to sell this specialized equipment to the District.

Therefore, the Commissioners hereby authorize and direct the District General Manager and staff to negotiate the purchase of the G&W reclosers and SEL controls, from Peak Measure, and confirm that the competitive bidding requirements of RCW 54.04.070 may be waived.

## ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Public Utility District No. 1 of Jefferson County held this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2016

Kenneth Collins, President

Barney Burke, Vice President

Wayne G King, Secretary

ATTEST:

Secretary, Board of Commissioners

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Richard L. Hughes, General Counsel