



RESOLUTION NO. U-11519

1 A RESOLUTION related to Tacoma Power, authorizing an interlocal agreement
2 between Tacoma Power and the Washington State Department of
3 Commerce, for a pumped storage feasibility study at Mossyrock Dam.

4 WHEREAS the Department of Public Utilities, Light Division ("Tacoma
5 Power") requests authorization to enter into an interlocal agreement with the
6 Washington State Department of Commerce ("Department of Commerce"), for a
7 pumped storage feasibility study at Mossyrock Dam, as part of the two-year
8 action plan to assess supply-side resources, and

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10 WHEREAS the 2024 State of Washington legislative session
11 appropriated \$350,000 from the climate commitment account to Tacoma Power
12 to complete a study to assess the feasibility of pumped storage at Mossyrock
13 Dam, and

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15 WHEREAS the contract amount will be \$339,500, after the Department
16 of Commerce's 3% administration fee is assessed, and

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18 WHEREAS Tacoma Power's 2024 Integrated Resource Plan's ("IRP")
19 two-year action plan included conducting the pumped storage feasibility study ,
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22 WHEREAS work will be conducted by a third party and is already under
23 way, and

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25 WHEREAS the Department of Commerce is responsible for contracting
26 with Tacoma Power to disburse the funds that were allocated to Tacoma Power
by the budget proviso and from the Climate Commitment Account, and



1 WHEREAS Chapter 39.34 RCW Interlocal Cooperation Act requires the
2 authorization of each party's governing body to enter into the agreement, and
3 Tacoma Power is seeking Public Utility Board approval prior to seeking City
4 Council approval, and

5 WHEREAS the budget proviso and contract for which this resolution
6 seeks approval is:

- 7 • \$350,000 of the climate commitment account – state appropriation
8 is provided solely for the authority to contract with Tacoma Power,
9 to conduct a feasibility study, including scoping project costs, on
10 pumped storage at Tacoma Power's Mossyrock Dam;
- 11 • The contract is exempt from the competitive procurement
12 requirements in Chapter 39.26 RCW;
- 13 • Funds may not be expended or obligated to January 1, 2025; and
- 14 • If Initiative Measure No. 2117 was approved in the general
15 election, this subsection would have been null and void upon the
16 effective date of the measure, however, the measure was not
17 passed;

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21 Now, Therefore,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD OF THE CITY OF TACOMA:

23 That an interlocal agreement between the City of Tacoma, by and
24 through its Department of Public Utilities, Light Division and the Washington
25 State Department of Commerce, for a pumped storage feasibility study at
26 Mossyrock Dam, in the amount of \$339,500, budgeted from the State of

