

City of Tacoma

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PRESENTER: Sharon Brophy, Power Supervisor II, Transmission and Distribution

SUBJECT: Rainier Connect Contract Update

DATE: February 15, 2022

PRESENTATION TYPE:

Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:

Staff from TPU will provide a presentation to the GPFC on the history of the 12 policy goals and the development of the "Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement" (IRU) with Rainier Connect North, LLC. The bulk of the presentation will focus on the commitments within the IRU and status updates on those commitments.

BACKGROUND:

Presentation requested by Chair Hines to provide an update on the Rainier Connect contract at the February 15, 2022, GPFC meeting. Rainier Connect was selected as a result of a competitive proposal process. The IRU agreement designated Rainier Connect as the lessee of the Tacoma Power commercial fiber network for an initial term of 20 years. The purpose of the presentation is to brief the committee on the commitments made in the IRU and to provide status updates on those commitments.

ISSUE:

This is an information briefing only. There are no issues presented.

ALTERNATIVES:

This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.