

City Council Public Hearing
Surplus and potential use of excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network
Surplus and potential sale of related inventory, equipment and vehicles
October 29, 2019

A. SUBJECT OF HEARING

The hearing is being held pursuant to RCW 35.94.040 to take testimony regarding the recommendation for Surplus and potential use of excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network, and for Surplus and potential sale of related inventory, equipment and vehicles no longer needed by Click!.

B. BACKGROUND

The Public Utility Board and City Council, after review of multiple proposals from third parties, directed the Public Utilities Director to execute a letter of agreement with Rainier Connect to enter into good faith negotiations of agreements that would provide: (1) the City, through Tacoma Power, will retain ownership of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network, (2) the capital and operating costs of the surplus excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network will be borne by a third party, (3) Tacoma Power will no longer provide cable television through Click! or wholesale internet access or data transport services, and (4) Rainier Connect would use the surplus excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network to provide broadband information services consistent with the 12 policy goals adopted by the City Council and Public Utility Board. The proposed agreements will include provisions ensuring, among other things, that the use and operation of the surplus excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network by the new operator will not interfere with, or jeopardize the safety and security of, Tacoma Power's continued use and operation of the Tacoma Power Network. The hearing will provide an opportunity for public comments to be taken regarding the surplus of the excess capacity of the Tacoma Power Commercial Network, together with related inventory, equipment, and vehicles, in conformance with RCW 35.94.040.

C. Additional information: Additional information will be provided on the City website where materials for the City Council's October 29, 2019 meeting are posted at <https://cityoftacoma.legistar.com>.

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