



## Board Action Memorandum

**TO:** Jackie Flowers, Director of Utilities  
**COPY:** Charleen Jacobs, Director and Board Offices  
**FROM:** Chris Robinson, Tacoma Power Superintendent  
Ying Hall, Power Section Manager  
**MEETING DATE:** October 26, 2022  
**DATE:** October 7, 2022

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### **STRATEGIC DIRECTIVE ALIGNMENT (select as many that apply):**

Please indicate which of the Public Utility Board's Strategic Directives is supported by this action.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD1 – Equity & Inclusion | <input type="checkbox"/> SD8 – Telecom                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD2 – Financial Sustainability      | <input type="checkbox"/> SD9 – Economic Development               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD3 – Rates              | <input type="checkbox"/> SD10 – Government Relations              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD4 – Stakeholder Engagement        | <input type="checkbox"/> SD11 – Decarbonization/Electric Vehicles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD5 – Environmental Leadership      | <input type="checkbox"/> SD12 – Employee Relations                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD6 – Innovation                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SD13 – Customer Service       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SD7 – Reliability & Resiliency      | <input type="checkbox"/> SD14 – Resource Planning                 |

### **SUMMARY:**

Tacoma Power requests approval by the Public Utility Board for a new rate category—Prepaid Small General Service (Schedule PB).

### **BACKGROUND:**

Tacoma Power implemented prepaid residential service tariff Schedule PR for the residential customer class in TMC 12.06.166, effective January 1, 2021. This tariff allows residential customers to elect to pay for electric service in advance of usage as soon as Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) is installed.

After Schedule PR was implemented, Tacoma Power received requests from some small general customers for the prepaid option. This tariff allows small commercial customers to elect to pay for electric service in advance of usage as soon as AMI is installed. It is a voluntary rate option. It allows the customers to have a better understanding of their electricity use and greater control over their electricity costs. Service under the prepaid tariff is provided at the same effective rates as regular post-paid service. The only difference is the timing of customer payment. Therefore, there is no fiscal impact.

**ARE THE EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES PLANNED AND BUDGETED?** Yes

**IF THE EXPENSE IS NOT BUDGETED, PLEASE EXPLAIN HOW IT IS TO BE COVERED.**

There are no direct impacts to expenditures and revenues related to this request.

**IF THE ACTION REQUESTED IS APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT, INCLUDE LANGUAGE IN RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING \$200,000 INCREASE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AUTHORITY TO DIRECTOR?** No



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**ATTACHMENTS:** List any attachments (contracts, policies, agreements, etc.).  
Proposed Amendment to Chapter 12.06 of the Tacoma Municipal Code

**CONTACT:**

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Presenter (if different from primary contact):

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