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June 8, 2022

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (Scheduled for June 29, 2022, at 1:00 pm)

RE: Energy Decarbonization Impacts and Pathways, U-210553

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

In the 2021-23 Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received funding to “examine feasible and practical pathways for investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to contribute their share to greenhouse gas emissions reductions as described in RCW 70A.45.020 [state law].”¹ As part of its examination, the Commission is directed to identify and consider the impacts of energy decarbonization on residential and commercial customers and electric and natural gas utilities. The results of the examination must be reported to the appropriate legislative committees by June 1, 2023.

The Commission has a contract with Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) to model scenarios for reducing emissions from the electric and natural gas sectors and to support public engagement throughout the project. The Engagement Plan for this project is available on the U-210553 docket page and on the [Energy Decarbonization project webpage](#). SSG will host the first technical meeting² for the project on June 29, 2022 from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Pacific Time. This meeting will focus on modeling assumptions related to the “Business As Usual” and “Business As Planned” scenarios.³ Participants will be invited to provide input and feedback. Please note

¹ Senate Bill 5092, Sec. 143(4).

² Technical meetings are open to all and offer impacted parties an opportunity to learn about and provide feedback on detailed aspects of modeling, as well as other technical and procedural considerations.

³ Business As Usual (BAU): refers to a projected scenario where the entity does not take any additional carbon emissions mitigation/decarbonization actions moving forward beyond what is already occurring. Business As Planned (BAP): refers to a projected scenario where the entity takes some carbon emissions mitigation actions that are currently planned but not enough to achieve a net-zero or low-carbon target in the future.

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that this meeting will not focus on the decarbonization scenarios that will be discussed at future meetings.

Workshop Participation

Due to the limitations on in-person gatherings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, SSG will be holding the workshop virtually. Commission headquarters will not be open to the public for in-person participation. Interested persons may listen to the meeting via Zoom by **calling 301-715-8592** and using **Meeting ID 819 9132 1589** with the **Passcode 448008**. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, [click here to join the meeting](#). If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

More Information

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

Further information on the energy decarbonization pathways project is available on the Commission's website: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/regulated-industries/utilities/energy/natural-gas-decarbonization>. If you have any questions, please contact Commission Liaison Jason Lewis at 360-338-8837, or by email at jason.lewis@utc.wa.gov.

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