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NOTICE OF TRAININGS AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOPS

**(Scheduled for July 13, 2022, at 1 p.m.,
AND
July 21, 2022, at 1 p.m.)**

RE: Relating to the Commission’s examination of intervenor funding provisions for regulatory proceedings, Docket U-210595

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

RCW 80.28.430 directs the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to determine the amount of financial assistance, if any, that may be provided to any organization; the way the financial assistance is distributed; the way the financial assistance is recovered in a utility’s rates; and other matters necessary to administer the agreement.¹

On November 19, 2021, the Commission issued a Policy Statement on Participatory Funding for Regulatory Proceedings (Policy Statement),² pursuant to RCW 80.28.430. The Commission provided “high-level guidance regarding the amount of financial assistance that may be provided to organizations, the manner in which it is distributed to participants and recovered in the rates of gas or electrical companies, and other matters necessary to administer agreements.”³

In this proceeding, commentors have emphasized the need for further education and outreach as the Commission implements RCW 80.28.430. Some commentors expressed concern that a lack of familiarity with Commission proceedings may be a barrier to participation. To begin addressing these comments, the Commission plans to conduct a “Commission 101” training and virtual workshop to allow interested persons an opportunity to learn more about the

¹ RCW 80.28.430(2).

² *In the Matter of the Commission’s Examination of Participatory Funding Provisions for Regulatory Proceedings*, Docket U-210595 (November 19, 2021).

³ *Id.* ¶ 3.

Commission's regulatory authority, proceedings, and opportunities to receive funding to participate in energy regulatory proceedings. Anticipated topics for the trainings include:

- The scope of the Commission's jurisdiction,
- Participating in the Commission's open meetings,
- Participating in Commission rulemakings and other policy-making proceedings,
- Intervening or commenting in adjudicatory proceedings, such as general rate cases, and
- Applying for participatory funding.

The Commission will also consider comments from participants at this training and virtual workshop. Workshop participants may raise additional issues for discussion as time allows.

The Commission therefore gives notice that it will hold part one of a two-part "Commission 101" training and virtual workshop on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1 p.m., to educate organizations and interested persons on the Commission's regulatory role, types of Commission proceedings, and how to participate in those proceedings. The Commission will also be interested in hearing from organizations who may wish to participate in Commission proceedings but experience barriers to participation. The Commission will hold part two of this training on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 1 p.m.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission will convene a Training and Virtual Workshop on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, at 1 p.m., and again on Thursday, July 21, 2022, at 1 p.m. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Conference ID: 891 0179 9524# and use the Passcode: 711964#. To attend via Zoom, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

OTHER 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.

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If possible, please inform the Commission of which language you will need interpretation services for at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1140, or by sending an email to paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov.

If you have questions regarding the workshop or opportunity to comment, you may contact staff lead Kate Griffith at (360) 742-2628, or by email at kate.griffith@utc.wa.gov.

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Executive Director and Secretary