July 9, 2007

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES (By Thursday, August 2, 2007) and NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Wednesday, August 15, 2007, 1:30 p.m.)

RE: Standards for Interconnection to Electric Utility Delivery Systems, WAC 480-108, Docket UE-060649

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible amendments to WAC 480-108, which contains regulations governing the interconnection of consumer-owned generation facilities to electric company delivery systems. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing at 1:30 p.m. on August 15, 2007.

On July 5, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser addressing interconnection of consumer-owned electric generators with a nameplate generating capacity of up to 20 megawatts to the electric delivery systems of electric companies over which the commission has jurisdiction. The Commission developed the proposed amendments to WAC 480-108 with the benefit of substantial stakeholder advice and comment including initial written comments, one workshop, and two rounds of written comments on discussion drafts. In particular, the stakeholder input was beneficial for refining those aspects of the regulations that govern the processing and technical review of applications for interconnection service.

This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, August 2, 2007. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/060649. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

Electronic copies: The Commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at <u>www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing</u> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <u>records@wutc.wa.gov</u>. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-060649)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ¹/₂ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at http://www.wutc.wa.gov/060649. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, August 15, 2007. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor,

Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may 1) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, 2) e-mail the Commission at <<u>records@utc.wa.gov></u>, or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UE-060649 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Dick Byers. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at <u>dbyers@utc.wa.gov</u> or by calling 360-664-1209.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary