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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Monday, July 9, 2007)**

RE: Rulemaking to Implement *the Energy Independence Act*
Docket UE-061895

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On January 24, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to examine whether new or revised regulations are needed to govern the Commission's implementation of the Energy Independence Act (Act). The Act is the result of Initiative No. 937 that passed by public vote on November 7, 2006. The Act is now codified at RCW 19.285.

Following a March 26, 2007, stakeholder workshop the Commission issued a notice to all interested persons requesting, by April 20, 2007, comment on an initial set of draft of rules to implement the Act. The Commission subsequently extended the date for filing comments to May 18, 2007. The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/061895.

The Commission has reviewed these comments, as well as recommendations by UTC staff, and determined that many of the proposed refinements would improve the rules. Accordingly, the Commission has prepared a second discussion draft. These revised draft rules are also available at www.wutc.wa.gov/061895.

The Commission invites comments on the revised draft rules. After reviewing these comments the Commission will file a proposed rule amendment (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. **Accordingly, we encourage interested parties to examine the revised draft rules carefully and to file written comments no later than July 9, 2007.**

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the second draft rules must be filed with the Commission by Friday, July 9, 2007. The Commission requests that comments be provided in Adobe Acrobat format “.pdf” or in Word 97 or later “.doc” 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. Electronic comments may be submitted via the Commission’s Web portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission’s Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-061895)
- The commenting party’s name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at the following URL address: www.wutc.wa.gov/061895. If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document. Paper comments should be mailed or delivered to:

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Sincerely,

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