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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (Scheduled for September 7, 2022, at 1 p.m.)

RE: Energy Decarbonization Impacts and Pathways, Docket 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 Commission’s website in Docket U-210553 and on the [Energy Decarbonization project webpage](#). As part of the Engagement Plan a Decarbonization Advisory Group (DAG) was formed. SSG will host the second DAG meeting for the project on September 7, 2022, from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM Pacific Time.²

¹ Senate Bill 5092, Sec. 143(4).

² DAG meetings are open to all to listen in on advisory members discussion and offer impacted parties an opportunity to learn about detailed aspects of modeling, as well as other technical and procedural considerations.

This DAG meeting will be the fourth public meeting the Commission has convened to examine energy decarbonization pathways. At this meeting, participants will receive information about the forecast for Washington’s emissions through 2050 under a business-as-planned scenario, discuss potential decarbonization actions and equity implications, and identify opportunities for and barriers to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Workshop Information

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 828 9579 9556** with the **Passcode 747939**. To observe 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, [here](#).¹ If you have any questions, please contact Administrative Law Judge Samantha Doyle at (360) 742-4451, or by email at Samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov. Additionally, Commission Liaison Jason Lewis is available at (360) 338-8837, or by email at jason.lewis@utc.wa.gov.

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¹ The complete URL is <https://www.utc.wa.gov/regulated-industries/utilities/energy/natural-gasdecarbonization>.