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NOTICE RESCHEDULING TECHNICAL CONFERENCES
(Now set for November 22, 2024, and December 13, 2024, at 8 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking required to implement ESHB 1589,
Docket U-240281

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 10, 2024, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to engage in a Commission rulemaking required to implement ESHB 1589 (Chapter 351, Laws of 2024). The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket U-240281.

RCW 80.86.020(10) directs the Commission to adopt by rule a cost test for emissions reduction measures achieved by large combination utilities to comply with state clean energy and climate policies. The statute further directs large combination utilities to use the test for the purpose of determining the lowest reasonable cost of decarbonization and electrification measures in integrated system plans, at the portfolio level, and for any other purpose determined by the Commission by rule.

On September 27, 2024, the Commission filed a notice announcing three technical conferences to support the cost-test component of the rulemaking effort. After holding the first technical conference on October 11 the Commission decided to expand the timeframe allotted for these conferences. **Technical Conference #2 has been moved from October 29 to November 22 and Technical Conference #3 has been moved from December 3 to December 13.** This change will allow more time for public input throughout the process.

MEETING PARTICIPATION

The Commission invites interested persons to attend a second and third of three technical conferences. The first technical conference was held on **October 11th**, and the remaining two

will be held on **November 22nd, and December 13th, each beginning at 8 a.m. and ending at 12 p.m.**

The expected topic for each technical conference is presented below. The exact content of each technical conference might be modified based on input from interested persons and developments in the docket.

1. Technical Conference 1 (recorded). This technical conference will provide an overview of the NSPM, including the principles and key steps for developing a jurisdictional cost-test, its application to the full range of utility resources and how it can be used to comply with RCW 80.86. This technical conference will also summarize Staff's straw proposal for a UTC jurisdictional specific cost-effectiveness test for DERs as posted in Docket UE-210804 and the elements that can be applied to the RCW 80.86 cost test. The identification of the utility resource types that qualify as emission reduction measures, decarbonization, and electrification measures will also be covered. The technical conference will also walk through how the requirements for identifying and implementing cost-effective resources in the ISP rules affect the cost test.
2. Technical Conference 2. This technical conference is tentatively planned to focus on how the cost test will be used to determine the lowest reasonable cost of decarbonization measures as defined in RCW 80.86.010. This technical conference will discuss how the cost test can be used in the context of integrated system planning, building off the current integrated resource planning practices in use by large combination utilities. This technical conference will also include a discussion of optimization of both electric and gas emission reduction measures and associated analytical techniques such as levelized costs, carbon abatement curves, and modeling techniques. This technical conference will also review the key impacts that should be included in the cost test, including those that are hard to quantify and qualitative impacts. A detailed outline of the draft cost test rules will be presented at this technical conference.
3. Technical Conference 3. The cost test rule proposal will be presented at this technical conference. This technical conference will provide for verbal input from interested persons on all aspects of the cost test rule proposal.

At the technical conference, Commission Staff will review and discuss comments with the interested persons. Interested persons may participate in the virtual meeting via Zoom by calling (253) 215-8782. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, click [here](#) to join the meeting. The virtual meeting passcode is 654182, and the Meeting ID is 829 3973 2962. If you wish to be placed on the interested persons contact list, please contact the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

Interested persons will have further opportunity for comment. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may:

- Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1139
- Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov
- Mail written comments to the address below

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-240281 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Executive Director and Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket U-240281. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

JEFF KILLIP
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