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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, March 10, 2017)

RE: Rulemaking for Integrated Resource Planning, WAC 480-100-238, WAC 480-90-238, and WAC 480-107
Docket U-161024

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On December 7, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) held an initial workshop in this docket. At that workshop, parties identified the need for a more in-depth workshop to focus on the topic of transmission and distribution planning within the integrated resource plan (IRP) process.

To facilitate ongoing discussion on this topic, the Commission's rulemaking team has prepared a concept paper that outlines a proposed framework for improving the transparency of transmission and distribution planning and poses a series of discussion questions for developing this framework.

The Commission requests that parties review the attached concept paper and come prepared to engage in constructive conversation on its contents. Parties are also encouraged to identify potential issues with this proposed framework and to propose alternative methods for achieving the goal of improving the transparency of transmission and distribution planning in the IRP process.

While the Commission is not requesting written comments for this workshop at this time, parties may file comments in the docket before or after the workshop if they wish.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Interested persons are invited to attend a stakeholder workshop on transmission and distribution planning in IRPs on **March 10, 2017, beginning at 9 a.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

The Commission's teleconference bridge line will be available for the workshop. The Commission prefers and recommends that interested persons participate in person and share ideas in a workshop setting. However, if this imposes a hardship, interested persons may participate at the workshop via the Commission's teleconference bridge at **(360) 664-3846**. The conference bridge, however, is limited to 22 access lines.

Information about the schedule and other aspects of the IRP 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:

- 1) Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.
- 2) E-mail the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov.
- 3) Mail written comments to the address below.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-161024 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list(s). The Commission's mailing address is:

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