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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**  
**(Scheduled for October 5, 2022, at 5 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].”<sup>1</sup> 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](#). SSG will host the second technical meeting for the project on October 5, 2022, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Pacific Time.<sup>2</sup>

This technical 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

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<sup>1</sup> Senate Bill 5092, Sec. 143(4).

<sup>2</sup> Technical meetings are open to all and offer impacted parties an opportunity to learn about and provide feedback on detailed aspects of modeling, as well as other technical and procedural considerations.

scenario, discuss potential decarbonization actions and equity implications, and identify opportunities for and barriers to reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

### **Workshop Participation**

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 819 9132 1589** with the **Passcode 448008**. To participate in 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#).<sup>1</sup> 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](mailto:Samantha.doyle@utc.wa.gov). Also available is Commission Legislative Program Director Jason Lewis at (360) 338-8837, or by email at [jason.lewis@utc.wa.gov](mailto:jason.lewis@utc.wa.gov).

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