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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Mr. Mark L. Johnson **Executive Director and Secretary** Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W. P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Commission Staff Investigation into Reliability Benchmarking and Reliability Reporting Inquiry, Docket U-190027

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Pursuant to the Commission's January 22, 2019, Request for Written Comments, please find enclosed the Initial Comments of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled docket.

Please do not hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions regarding this filing. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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