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December 13, 2024

NOTICE OF 90 DAY EXTENSION OF RULEMAKING

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) is extending the rulemaking to implement ESHB 1589 deadline by 90 days.

The state legislature enacted ESHB 1589, and directed the Commission to adopt rules by July 1, 2025, to implement consolidated planning requirements for large combination utilities that allow for integrated system plans that may satisfy requirements for existing statutorily required plans. Under ESHB 1589, the legislature provided flexibility to the Commission to "extend the rulemaking proceeding for 90 days for good cause shown."[1] Two recent events justify this extension:

1. Voters passed I-2066 this November, a ballot initiative that significantly alters ESHB 1589. Due to this large change, the Commission finds that it would be in the best interest of parties to build in more time to receive public comments on how the Commission is interpreting the changes resulting from this initiative.

2. On November 19, a storm caused significant power outages, resulting in the need for the Commission to postpone a cost-test technical conference.

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[1] ESHB 1589, Sec. 3, 2(a)

The new timeline of events for the rulemaking is as follows:

December 13, 2024	Cost Test Technical Conference #2
January 9, 2024	Cost Test Technical Conference #3
Mid-January to Mid-February 2025	Public engagement period on the second public draft of ISP Rules
Early Q2 2025	Informal Draft Rules (ISP & Cost Test) Released for comment
June 2025	CR-102 to be filed and send for comment
End of July 2025	Adoption Hearing
September 29, 2025	Extended Statutory Deadline

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