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September 19, 2024

## NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE TO RESPOND TO PETITION (Response due by October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.)

RE: In the Matter of Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC's Petition for Declaratory Order, Docket UE-240653

## TO ALL PARTIES:

On August 30, 2024, Goldfinch Energy Storage LLC (Goldfinch or Company) filed a Petition for Declaratory Order (Petition) with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) requesting an order declaring that: (i) the biodiesel Goldfinch intends to purchase from Renewable Energy Group, Inc. d.b.a. Chevron Renewable Energy Group (REG) Grays Harbor biodiesel production facility (Grays Harbor Facility), or similarly situated renewable biodiesel producing facilities, qualifies as a "renewable resource" under Revised Cod of Washington (RCW) 19.405.020(33)(h); and (ii) use of this renewable biodiesel in electric power generation satisfies RCW 19.405.040(1) greenhouse gas neutrality requirements, including specifically the requirements of RCW 19.405.040(1)(a) and RCW 19.405.040(1)(b).

On September 17, 2024, Counsel for Commission staff (Staff) emailed the presiding officer indicating that Staff is in the process of reviewing the Petition and has sent some informal data requests to the Company. Given that it will take some time for the company to respond to the data requests, Staff requested that the Commission issue a notice moving the deadline to respond to the petition from September 20, 2024, to October 18, 2024, as provided under Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-930(3).

Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-375(4) allows any party opposing a motion to file a response within five days, or "at such other time as the presiding officer may set." On September 18, 2024, Goldfinch Partner, Chris Zentz, emailed the presiding officer confirming that he had spoken with Counsel for staff and has no concerns regarding Staff's request to extend the response petition deadline to the Petition.

The Commission finds good cause to extend the deadline for response to the Petition and hereby extends the deadline to October 18, 2024, to allow Goldfinch time to respond to Staff's data requests and Staff time to thoroughly review Petition and responses to the data requests.

## THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission extends the deadline for responses to the Petition for Declaratory Order to October 18, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

/s/ James E. Brown II JAMES E. BROWN II Administrative Law Judge