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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By Friday, September 21, 2007)
and
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to Implement *the Energy Independence Act*
Docket UE-061895

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning whether new or revised regulations are needed to govern the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission's) implementation of the Energy Independence Act (Act). The Act is the result of Initiative No. 937 that passed by public vote on November 7, 2006. The Act is now codified at RCW 19.285. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing at 1:30 p.m. on October 24, 2007.

On August 21, 2007, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposal would establish the procedures investor owned utilities must follow to demonstrate compliance with the statutory requirements, and establish penalty provisions, as well as reporting and public notification requirements. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday , September 21 , 2007. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/061895. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

Electronic copies: The Commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-061895)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/061895>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 24, 2007. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site 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, or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UE-061895 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Nicolas Garcia. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at ngarcia@utc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1346.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary