### February 5, 2013

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON REVISED INTERCONNECTION DRAFT RULES (Due by the close of business on Wednesday, March 6, 2013)

Re: Review Standards for Interconnection with Electric Generators in WAC 480-108 Docket UE-112133

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated a rulemaking in Docket UE-112133 in December 2011 to consider amending the rules in WAC 480-108 governing the interconnection of generation facilities with utility electric systems.

The Commission circulated draft rules to interested stakeholders on November 21, 2012, and received comments on the draft on December 21, 2012. As a result of the number of changes to the draft in response to stakeholder comments and suggestions, the Commission has prepared a revised draft for stakeholder review.

The Commission invites written comments on the revised draft rules. The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/112133</u>. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the draft rules mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

Specifically, the Commission invites comments on the latest changes to the rules. These changes focus on the elimination of duplication in WAC 480-108-BBB and the consolidation of all application procedures and timelines into WAC 480-108-CCC. For example, the timeline describing the use of additional studies formerly found in WAC 480-108-035 is now found in WAC 480-108-CCC(3)(c). Additionally, in response comments received in this docket and a consumer complaint received by the Commission, the Commission proposes adding a notification requirement for anticipated

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voltage irregularities in section 480-108-FFF(23). Yellow highlighting marks some of the other areas were revisions were made.

If stakeholders continue to have concerns about certain issues that they have previously addressed, the Commission requests that stakeholders not repeat those comments, but refer back to comments previously filed.

## **COMMENTS:**

Written comments on the revised draft rules must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 6, 2013.** The Commission requests that comments be provided 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 <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">records@utc.wa.gov/e-filing</a> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <a href="http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing">www.utc.wa.gov/e-

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-112133).
- The commenting party's name.
- The organization you represent (company, association, self, etc.)
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center 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 its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/112133</u>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document.

Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments will be posted on the Commission's web site at <u>http://www.utc.wa.gov/112133</u> as it becomes available. If you want to receive ongoing information about this rulemaking you may (1) call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234, (2) email the Commission at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission regarding this rulemaking, please refer to Docket UE-112133 to ensure you are included on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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## **NEXT STEPS:**

After the Commission reviews supplemental comments from interested persons concerning the revised draft rules, the Commission likely will develop a set of proposed rules and proceed with the CR-102 proposed rulemaking process.

If you have questions about the Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Yochi Zakai. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by email at <u>yzakai@utc.wa.gov</u> or by calling (360) 664-1207.

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