

July 2, 2010

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Wednesday, July 14, 2010)**

Re: Conservation Incentive Inquiry– Rulemaking
Docket U-100522

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 6, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Office of the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to examine whether new regulations are needed to govern conservation incentive mechanisms or address declines in revenues due to company-sponsored conservation or other causes of conservation.

The Commission solicited and received comments from all interested persons on an issues list and held two work sessions. The Commission requests additional comments from interested persons. The Commission requests that interested persons indicate if they support, oppose or are neutral to each of the following policy options listed below: making a distinction between gas and electric utilities as applicable for each option.

- 1) Full decoupling, including all declines and all increases in sales from any source.
- 2) Lost margin adjustment for declines in sales due only to company sponsored conservation efforts.
- 3) Attrition adjustment based on the results of an attrition study.
- 4) An independent conservation provider (*i.e.* similar in concept to the Energy Trust of Oregon).

The position statements may be accompanied by brief explanations of those positions, with the total submissions being limited to six pages.

Written comments on the policy options listed above must be filed with the Commission by **Wednesday, July 14, 2010**. 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. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal (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: U-100522.
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is to mail/deliver 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 format. 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 <http://www.utc.wa.gov/100522>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document. Questions may be addressed to Steve Johnson at (360) 664-1346 or e-mail at sjohnson@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary