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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**

(Set for Tuesday, July 2, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.)

**Zoom:** [Click here to join workshop](#)

**By phone:** (253) 215-8782

**Meeting ID:** 854 4695 9047

**Passcode:** 580702

RE: *Commission-led workshop series to review and potentially revise the 2017 Policy and Interpretive Statement concerning Commission regulation of electric vehicle (EV) charging services, Docket UE-160799.*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On June 14, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued its Final Policy and Interpretative Statement (Policy Statement) to clarify its jurisdiction and regulation of electric vehicle charging services offered by electric companies subject to Commission regulation.<sup>1</sup> Among many things, the 2017 Policy Statement provided guidance to utilities urging them to provide a portfolio of electric vehicle charging services on a regulated basis, consistent with Commission interests and policies promoting load management and system benefits, consumer protection, service quality, direct benefits to low-income customers, interoperability, stakeholder engagement, regular reporting, and education and outreach.

Since 2017, the transportation electrification industry has evolved markedly but may still be considered a nascent technology. Since the Commission issued the 2017 Policy Statement, we have seen an increase in electric-only vehicle manufacturers, the proliferation of electric vehicle charging companies, and enhanced battery technology. The Commission promotes these interests

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<sup>1</sup> See Final Policy Statement, filed June 14, 2017, in Docket UE-160799.

and policies as hallmarks of a complete transportation electrification plan aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions but balances the need to increase electrification of the transportation sector with providing safe, affordable, equitable and reliable electric service for customers.

Over the past seven years, the regulatory environment has also witnessed a paradigm shift at both the state and federal levels. Washington state passed a suite of climate related laws that ultimately require 100 percent reductions in greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.<sup>2</sup> These laws include the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA)<sup>3</sup>, the Climate Commitment Act (CCA)<sup>4</sup>, the Clean Fuel Standard (CFS)<sup>5</sup>, the Zero Emission Vehicle Standard<sup>6</sup>, and the Zero Emission Vehicle Target.<sup>7</sup> All of these laws require Washington state to reduce emissions and transition to a clean energy economy.

Washington's climate laws work in concert with federal legislation to help accelerate transportation electrification and transition to a green economy. The U.S. Congress enacted both the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA)<sup>8</sup> and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)<sup>9</sup>, representing the largest funding packages in American history aimed at revamping the country's energy system. Both the IIJA and IRA provide billions of dollars to assist with the transition from internal combustion vehicles to electric vehicles.

Although both state and federal agencies have provided guidance on a multitude of topics related to electric vehicles, more specific policy guidance is needed for regulated utilities in Washington state as they are already seeing increased demand on their electric systems. As adoption rates for electric vehicles continue to increase in Washington, regulated utilities as well as the public will benefit from direct guidance offered by the Commission. The Commission is therefore re-opening Docket UE-160799 to seek input and feedback from regulated utilities, electric vehicle supply equipment companies, workforce advocates, consumer advocates, Commission staff, other interested persons, and the public, to ensure any revisions to the Policy Statement reflect the same interests and policies outlined in the 2017 version. The goal of reopening the docket is to provide concise guidance to regulated utilities, interested entities, and persons that reflect

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<sup>2</sup> [The Big Seven: Washington's biggest climate policies | Climate](#)

<sup>3</sup> *RCW 19.405*

<sup>4</sup> *RCW 70A.65*

<sup>5</sup> *RCW 70A.535*

<sup>6</sup> *RCW 70A.30.010*

<sup>7</sup> *RCW 43.392.020*

<sup>8</sup> [UPDATED FACT SHEET: Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act | The White House](#)

<sup>9</sup> [FACT SHEET: Lowering Home Energy Costs Through President Biden's Inflation Reduction Act | The White House](#)

current industry trends as well as the Commission's expanded jurisdictional scope enumerated in CETA.

## WORKSHOP

The Commission will convene an introductory hybrid workshop on July 2, 2024, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to discuss the scope of a revised policy statement, issues within the Commission's purview, and considerations from interested parties.

An agenda for the workshop will be posted in the docket on June 3, 2024. Expected agenda topics include specific transportation electrification plans to be presented by each regulated electric company, a presentation from another public utility commission or electric utility summarizing their challenges and achievements in the transportation electrification space, equity, workforce development considerations, and feedback from electric vehicle charging companies in Washington.

Interested persons may join the meeting via Zoom by calling (253) 215-8782 and using Meeting ID: 854 4695 9047# and Passcode: 580702#. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, [click here to join](#).

If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov).

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If you need an interpreter, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1140 or by sending an email to [stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov](mailto:stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov).

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling (360) 664-1132 or by sending an email to [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov). For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833 6384 or 711.

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