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November 3, 2020

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS (By 5 p.m., December 3, 2020)

And NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Monday, December 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: In the Matter of Amending chapter WAC 480-107, Purchases of Electricity, Docket UE-190837.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposes to update its Purchases of Electricity (PoE) rules in chapter WAC 480-107 to implement certain sections of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) and reflect changing industry conditions. The Commission provides interested persons with the opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m., on Monday, December 14, 2020.

On November 2, 2020, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser at WSR 20-22-075. The proposed rules would implement certain sections of CETA, primarily changes to Chapter 19.405 RCW and Chapter 19.280, including those addressing equity and public participation, and update utility purchasing practices in response to the increased potential for utility resource acquisitions.¹ The Commission has reviewed comments on the draft rules from stakeholders and now proposes rules for adoption subject to review and comment by interested persons. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/190837</u>. The CR-

¹E2SSB 5116, Laws of 2019, ch. 288.

DOCKET UE-190837

102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit written comments no later than **5 p.m., Wednesday, December 3, 2020.**

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</u>. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u> or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of these proceeding (Docket UE-190837).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at [enter link to website of UE-190837].

If you are unable to file your comments electronically the Commission will accept a paper document.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of the opportunity to virtually attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption on Monday, December 14, 2020, at 9:30 a.m. This public hearing will be virtual.

To attend by phone, call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 733 235 722#. To participate via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: Join Microsoft Teams Meeting.

Questions? If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Steve Johnson. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by email at <u>steve.johnson@utc.wa.gov</u> or by calling (360) 481-1573.

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