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February 12, 2020

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By March 27, 2020)**

and

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for April 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.)**

Re: Cost of Service Rulemaking,
Dockets UE-170002 & UG-170003

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This notice provides information about the status of the rulemaking in Dockets UE-170002 and UG-170003 regarding proposed rules governing cost of service studies for investor-owned utilities in Washington. This notice also provides interested persons an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the rule adoption hearing scheduled for April 16, 2020, at 1:30 p.m.

On July 19, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to address cost of service studies filed with the Commission by investor-owned utilities and other parties to Commission general rate case proceedings. The Commission conducted a workshop on September 25, 2019, after soliciting comments on a set of draft rules. The Commission also issued a Small Business Economic Impact Statement Questionnaire to obtain information regarding the impact of the draft rules on the companies. The drafts, comments, questionnaire, and determination that an SBEIS is not necessary are available in this docket on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/170002&170003>.

On February 11, 2020, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser in WSR 20-05-033. The proposed rules revise Washington

Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07-510(6) and create a new chapter 480-85 WAC. The Commission has reviewed stakeholder comments received to date and has prepared proposed rules for stakeholder review and comments. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/170002&170003>. The CR-102 filing initiates the final phase of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and the Commission's decision.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments must be filed with the Commission by **5 p.m. on March 27, 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 www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov 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 numbers of this proceeding (Dockets UE-170002 and UG-170003);
- The commenting party's name; and,
- The title and date of the comment(s).

The Commission will post all comments in Dockets UE-170002 and UG-170003, available on its website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/170002&170003>.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission will conduct a public adoption hearing at **1:30 p.m. on April 16, 2020**, held in the Commission's Richard Hemstad Hearing Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington 98503. Interested persons may also listen to the adoption hearing via Skype by calling (360) 407-3810 and using conference ID 9524028.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities at its facilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this hearing, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the hearing by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE

Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website 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) Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Dockets UE-170002 and UG-170003 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead Elaine Jordan at (360) 664-1307, or by email at elaine.jordan@utc.wa.gov.

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