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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULES  
(By Friday, May 17, 2013)  
and  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(Set for Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to Consider Proposed Changes in Existing Interconnection Rule,  
WAC 480-108, Docket UE-112133

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter informs you of the progress of the possible adoption of proposed revisions to WAC 480-108, Interconnection with Electric Generators. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the rule adoption hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013.

In early 2011, at the request of the House Technology, Energy, and Communications Committee, the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) conducted a study of distributed electric generation and offered recommendations for changes in statute and rules to encourage development of cost-effective distributed generation. As a result of that study, the Commission initiated a rulemaking in Docket UE-112133.

In late December, 2011, the Commission issued and received comments on a CR-101 notice. The comments were summarized and discussed in a workshop held on March 26, 2012. Subsequently, a Stakeholder Workgroup was formed to reach to reach agreement on changes to the rules. The Stakeholder Workgroup held a number of meetings and produced a set of Model Rules to replace the current rules (WAC 480-108). In late July, 2012, the Commission circulated the Stakeholder Workgroup's model rules for comment and received comments on September 7, 2012.

Based on the Stakeholder Workgroup's Report and the September 7, 2012, comments, the Commission proceeded with the rulemaking to revise WAC 480-108. Further, the

Commission agreed to amend the existing rule language and include, to the extent practicable, the Model Rule of the Stakeholder's Workgroup.

The Commission issued a Notice requesting comments on revised draft rules on November 21, 2012, and received comments from 15 different stakeholders. As a result of these substantial comments, the Commission decided to issue another draft for technical review on February 5, 2013.

The Commission received comments on the February 5, 2013, draft on March 6, 2013, and made additional changes based on these comments. The Commission developed proposed rules with the benefit of the stakeholder process outlined above. All comments submitted and drafts issued by the Commission are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/112133>.

The issuance of the CR-102, or proposed rules, begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing and a decision and order by the Commission.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 17, 2013. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/112133>. Additionally, upon request, the Commission will send you a paper copy if needed.**

**Electronic copies:** The Commission asks that you provide your comments 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 <http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov).

In your comments please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-112133)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

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

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, June 13, 2013. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may a) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, b) e-mail the Commission at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov), or c) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UE-112133 to ensure that you are included on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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**Questions?** Please direct any questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, to Al Wright. You can reach him by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at [awright@utc.wa.gov](mailto:awright@utc.wa.gov) or by calling (360) 664-1209.

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Acting Executive Director and Secretary