



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (October 2017)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: Utilities and Transportation Commission

Subject of possible rule making: The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) is directed, under ESHB 1589 (Chapter 351, Laws of 2024) to adopt rules to implement consolidated planning requirements for large combination electric and natural gas utilities that allow for integrated system plans that may include existing statutorily required plans. The Commission is also directed to adopt by rule a cost test for emissions reduction measures achieved by large combination utilities to comply with state clean energy and climate policies. This rulemaking may also amend WACs 480-90-238, 480-100-625, 480-100-640, 480-109-020, 480-109-200, and 480-107-009, to clarify which plans are consolidated into the integrated system plan, and therefore do not need to be filed separately. This rulemaking is recorded as Docket U-240281 at the UTC.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 19.280.030, RCW 19.280.040, RCW 19.285.040, RCW 19.285.080, RCW 19.405.060, RCW 19.405.100, RCW 80.28.130, RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.160, RCW 80.28.365, RCW 80.28.380, RCW 80.28.425, Chapter 351, Laws of 2024.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Rules are required to implement ESHB 1589. The rules will provide guidance for large combination utilities in how to consolidate existing plans and goals into an integrated system plan, as provided in ESHB 1589, that may encompass the Energy Independence Act; the Clean Energy Transformation Act; gas company conservation targets; electric utility resource plans and clean energy action plans; transportation electrification plans; multi-year rate plans; and pipeline safety and replacement plans. Rules will also establish a cost test for emissions reduction measures achieved by large combination utilities to comply with state clean energy and climate policies.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) The UTC will ask for initial written comments on the CR-101 and will conduct an initial workshop.

The UTC will request additional comments on draft rules prior to a second workshop and drafting proposed rules in the CR-102 phase.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:


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