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**NOTICE OF REVISIONS TO PROPOSED RULES
And
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO STAKEHOLDER COMMENTS**

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has scheduled a hearing concerning adoption of proposed revisions to WAC 480-108, Interconnection with Electric Generators, for 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013. By this notice, the Commission proposes making minor changes to the proposed rules issued on April 17, 2013, and provides notice of an opportunity to address these changes at the scheduled adoption hearing.

In addition, the Commission requests that interested persons address at the hearing the following issues that the Renewable Northwest Project and Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development, jointly, and the Northwest Energy Coalition raise in their May 17 comments on the proposed rules:

1. Should the Commission address in its adoption order its authority to regulate third-party owners of net-metering systems under RCW 80.01 and RCW 80.04?
2. Does the Commission have jurisdiction to regulate third-party owners of net-metering systems as “public service companies?” What statutes, case law, and factual circumstances lead to this conclusion? Is the nature of the contractual relationship (i.e., power purchase agreement or lease) between the third-party owner and interconnection customer relevant to this determination?

In response to the comments the Commission received on and after May 17, 2013, and to correct several errors or omissions from the proposed rules, the Commission proposes making minor changes to the proposed rule language, as described in the attached document. All comments submitted and drafts issued by the Commission are available on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/112133>.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of the 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 the 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; 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 Yochi Zakai. You can reach him by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at yzakai@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1207.

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