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December 17, 2018

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**  
**(By 5 p.m. on Thursday, January 17, 2019)**

RE: Notice of Inquiry into the Adequacy of the Current Regulatory Framework  
Employed by the Commission in Addressing Developing Industry Trends, New  
Technologies, and Public Policy Affecting the Utility Sector  
Docket U-180907

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

On November 7, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) opened Docket U-180907 regarding the adequacy of traditional rate-base, rate-of-return regulation and the potential use of alternative frameworks, such as performance-based regulation, multi-year rate plans, or other flexible regulatory mechanisms. On November 9, 2018, the Commission issued a Notice of Workshop to assist the Commission in determining whether to open a rulemaking or issue a policy statement on this matter. In response to the Notice of Workshop, the Commission received written comments from Pacific Power & Light Company and the Coalition of Eastside Neighborhoods for Sensible Energy. On December 10, 2018, the Commission held a workshop to discuss current conditions, potential alternatives, and preferred process. The Commission now invites the utilities and stakeholders to provide written comments identifying problem statements, principles, and priorities for this inquiry.

**REQUEST FOR COMMENT**

The Commission requests that utilities and stakeholders provide the following information.

1. Please identify the problem statements and principles that are important to you or your constituency. Please indicate which problems are the most important to

address during this process and which principles are most important to consider when developing potential solutions.

2. During the December 10, 2018, workshop, stakeholders identified several potential principles to guide the Commission's consideration of alternatives to the current regulatory framework, including, among others, net customer benefits, equity, alignment of customer and utility incentives, universal access, safety, reliability, affordability, customer choice, innovation, environmental protection, and alignment with state policies. Please provide comments on problem statements and principles raised by other stakeholders during the workshop and provided in pre-filed comments, and discuss their importance to you or your constituency.

## WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments in response to this Notice and the questions listed above must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 17, 2019**. The Commission requests that comments be provided 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. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](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). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (U-180907).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later format on a flash drive or CD. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its website all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at the following URL address:  
<http://www.utc.wa.gov/180907>.

Questions may be directed to Mark Vasconi, Director of Regulatory Services, at (360) 664-1308 or [mark.vasconi@utc.wa.gov](mailto:mark.vasconi@utc.wa.gov), or Brian Thomas, Policy Director, at (360) 359-1049 or [brian.thomas@utc.wa.gov](mailto:brian.thomas@utc.wa.gov).

## NOTICE

**If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Commission's Records Center and ask to be**

**included on the mailing list for Docket U-180907. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.**

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