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NOTICE TEMPORARILY POSTPONING PROCEEDING

RE: Relating to the Commission's proceeding to develop a policy statement addressing alternatives to traditional cost of service rate making, Docket U-210590

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The State Legislature directed the Commission, in Section 1 of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5295, to conduct a proceeding to develop a policy statement addressing alternatives to traditional cost of service ratemaking, including performance-based measures or goals, targets, performance incentives, and penalty mechanisms.

Responding to the legislation, the Commission developed a work plan, sought participant feedback before reporting to the Legislature, and began Phase 1, Performance Metrics. In Phase 1, the Commission engaged in extensive public participation and incorporated comments from that engagement to define regulatory goals, desired outcomes, design principles, and identify related metrics. At the conclusion of Phase 1, the Commission will be issuing a policy statement that will provide guidance on defining regulatory goals, desired outcomes, design principles, and metrics.

The Commission continues to anticipate conducting this proceeding in multiple phases over several years. The next phase in the proceeding is Phase 2A, in which the Commission intends to provide guidance on selected metric calculations, reporting, and review process.

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The Commission is temporarily postponing its activities in this Docket through April 2023 given the press of business before the Commission, and the resources necessary to consider issues and fiscal impacts from proposals in the current legislative session. Commission staff and participants in this proceeding are likely actively engaged in the legislative process and would benefit from

additional time and resources to support the efforts in the proceeding.

Participants are encouraged to continue to provide comments in response to the January 5, 2023, of Opportunity to File Written Comments on the Phase 2A work plan. Your feedback will be used Notice to inform the Phase 2A work plan.

In early May 2023, the Commission will resume its work on the Phase 1 policy statement. The Commission will also update both the Phase 2A work plan timeline and the timeline for the remaining phases.

STAY INFORMED OF THIS PROCEEDING

Information related to this proceeding, including comments filed by interested persons, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. Persons filing comments will receive future communications the Commission issues in this Docket. If you do not file comments but wish to receive such information you may contact the Commission's Records Center by telephone at (360) 664-1139 or by email at records@utc.wa.gov and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket U-210590.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-210590 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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If you have questions regarding this proceeding or the information contained in this Notice, you may contact the Assistant Policy Director, Melissa Cheesman at (360) 489-5270, or by email at melissa.cheesman@utc.wa.gov.

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