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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC
IMPACT STATEMENT (SBEIS) QUESTIONNAIRE
(Due by Wednesday, June 17, 2015)**

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Adoption of Rules to Implement RCW 80.54, Relating to Attachments to Transmission Facilities, Docket U-140621

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has prepared a set of draft rules in new chapter 480-54 WAC to implement chapter 80.54 RCW governing attachments to utility transmission facilities. The latest draft rules and a matrix of the last round of comments are posted on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/140621>.

Washington's Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW, is intended to focus an agency's attention on the economic impact of proposed rules on affected businesses, involve affected businesses in developing rules, and minimize any disproportionate impact of the rules on small businesses. Before adopting a rule that will impose more than minor costs on an industry, the Commission must analyze the compliance costs for **both large and small** businesses (including lost sales or revenue), involve small businesses in the development of the rule, take feasible steps to reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses, and prepare a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS). The statute defines a "small business" as any profit-making entity that has 50 or fewer employees.

The Commission requests that utilities and licensees, as those entities are defined in the draft rules, provide information concerning the cost impact of those rules on your company. The cost information you provide will assist the Commission in determining whether an SBEIS is required, and if so, to assess the possible costs of the rules. The Commission requests that affected companies submit to the Commission **no later than 5:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2015**, their analysis of whether the draft rules impose a cost impact on the company. This

is not an opportunity for further comment on the draft rules themselves. The Commission will provide such an opportunity when it formally proposes the rules for adoption.

When submitting the requested cost information, please be sure to include your company name, company contact person, contact phone number, and the number of people your company employs. For each draft rule for which you identify a cost impact, positive or negative, please provide, at a minimum, the following information:

1. The citation of the proposed rule (*e.g.*, WAC 480-54-XXX);
2. An explanation of why the rule will result in a cost impact on the company; and
3. A detailed analysis of how you calculated the cost impact.

The Commission requests that companies provide the requested information in electronic format to enhance public access and to reduce the need for paper copies. The information should be in .pdf Adobe Acrobat or in Word 97 or later version and may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Alternatively, the information may be submitted by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive or compact disk. Submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (U-140621).
- The responding company's name.
- The title and date of the response.

The Commission will post on its web site all responsive information that is provided in electronic format. The web site is located at the following URL address:
www.utc.wa.gov/140621.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

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