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NOTICE OF POTENTIAL EX PARTE COMMUNICATIONS

Re: Related 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:

On April 18, 2024, the Commission issued a Notice of Workshop in this docket scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024. The workshop will include detailed discussions regarding the calculation methodology and certain definitions for the Commission's preferred metrics as issued in its Interim Policy Statement on April 12, 2024.

Currently, three investor-owned utilities have adjudicative rate proceedings before the Commission.² All three proceedings are subject to Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 80.28.425 which requires companies to file a multiyear rate plan and the Commission to determine a set of performance measures that will be used to assess a utility operation under a multiyear rate plan.

Accordingly, in an abundance of caution and to satisfy RCW 34.05.455, the Commission gives notice to all parties in the above-referenced matter that issues within the rate proceedings related to performance measures may be discussed at the May 28 Workshop in this docket. Parties may attend and respond to any Commission preferred metrics which may also be included within the rate filings.

If you have questions regarding this proceeding or the information contained in this Notice, you may contact Amy Andrews, Accounting and Energy Policy Advisor at (360) 664-1228, or by email at amy.andrews@utc.wa.gov.

¹ An errata to the Notice was issued on April 22, 2024, providing the appropriate Zoom meeting link.

² Avista Corporation 2024 GRC in Dockets UE-240006 and UG-240007; Puget Sound Energy 2024 GRC in Dockets UE-240004 and UG-240005; and Cascade Natural Gas 2024 GRC in Docket UG-240008.

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