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Dear Chairman Goltz:

I am writing to invite the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to contribute to an interim activity of the House Technology, Energy and Communications Committee (TEC Committee).

During the 2011 Interim, at the request of TEC Committee chair Rep. John McCoy, I am leading a project relating to distributed energy (DE). The purpose of the project is to identify and develop a set of policy actions to advance distributed energy in Washington, including potential legislation to encourage the growth of distributed energy in the state. Over the interim, I will be convening a focus group of state legislators to hear presentations and engage in discussions from different perspectives, including developers, utilities and stakeholder groups. We will conclude by developing a set of recommendations for presentation to the full TEC Committee. I expect one or more bills to develop from this work.

I would like to invite the Commission to assist in the DE project by conducting a study of distributed generation issues applicable to investor-owned electric utilities. Specifically, I foresee the Commission's study providing background information and detailed discussion to the TEC Committee and the Legislature of the available options to encourage the development of cost-effective distributed generation in areas served by investor-owned utilities, as well as the opportunities and challenges facing investor-owned utilities and their ratepayers in developing distributed generation in this state.

While the timeline for the DE project is still under development, I anticipate much of the work of the focus group to occur in the fall of this year. The Commission's insight into distributed energy would be an important contribution to the DE project.

Sincerely,

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Cc: Representative John McCoy

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