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## NOTICE OF DISCUSSION AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP (Set for April 6, 2021, at 9 a.m.)

RE: Relating to implementing CETA's equity mandates and developing customer benefit indicators, Docket UE-210147

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA) requires significant changes to electric utility planning in Washington state, including, among other provisions, a transition to clean energy by 2045 as well as a focus on equity and requirements for utilities to ensure all customers are benefiting from the transition to clean energy. The 2019 legislation amended portions of Title 19 RCW governing utilities' 20-year integrated resource plans (IRPs) and created a new planning requirement known as the clean energy implementation plan (CEIP).

Following extensive discussions with stakeholders, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) adopted rules in 2020 to guide investor-owned electric utilities' planning efforts to meet CETA's mandates, including rules for utilities to engage customers in public processes to determine priorities for achieving CETA's equity and customer benefit requirements.

Previously, the Commission held stakeholder workshops regarding CETA's equity and customer benefit provisions and public participation in utility planning as follows:

- On February 5, 2020, in Dockets UE-190698, UE-191023, and UE-190837 (IRP Rulemaking, CEIP Rulemaking, and Purchase of Electricity Rulemaking, respectively)
- On May 5, 2020 in Dockets UE-190698 and UE 191023 (IRP Rulemaking and CEIP Rulemaking, respectively)

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 On May 22, 2020 in Dockets UE-190698, UE-191023, and UE-190837 (IRP Rulemaking, CEIP Rulemaking, and Purchase of Electricity Rulemaking, respectively)

The Commission also solicited and received several rounds of public comments addressing specific questions as well as general comments on several draft versions of the rules in all three dockets during the Commission's rulemaking processes.

The Commission's final rules were published on December 28, 2020 in <u>Dockets UE-190698</u> and <u>UE-191023</u>, and in <u>Docket UE-190837</u>.

On April 6, 2021, the Commission will hold a workshop to discuss implementation of equity- and customer benefit provisions of the IRP and CEIP rules and to hear status updates from utilities and stakeholders related to their progress implementing the public participation processes to ensure their timely development.

A workshop agenda will be issued in Docket UE-210147 prior to the workshop date.

## STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

Due to limitations on in-person gatherings due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission will be conducting the stakeholder workshop virtually. Commission headquarters will not be open to the public for in-person participation. All interested persons are invited to attend this virtual workshop and participate in the discussion, which will be held on **April 6**, **2021**, **from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** 

To participate by phone, call (253) 372-2181, and enter conference ID 188 407 634#. To participate via Microsoft Teams, click here to join the meeting or copy the following link into your browser: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting\_YmRhNzY2MjEtM2IyMS00ZDE4LThiNzMtYjcwNzczYjJmNDQ3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2211d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2279585ba5-e8ed-4aec-84d3-7d0eacf1ded3%22%7d.

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If you need an interpreter, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1140 or by sending an email to paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov.

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workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to human\_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

If you have questions regarding the workshop, you may contact Commission policy advisor Kate Griffith at kate.griffith@utc.wa.gov or (360) 742-2628.

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