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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(To be held Thursday, May 21, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Review of PURPA Standards – Rulemaking
Docket U-090222

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 18, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Office of the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to examine whether new regulations are needed to govern six aspects of investor-owned electric and natural gas utility operations for which new federal standards are included in the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007, Public Law 110-140 (EISA). For electrical companies, these new federal standards address: 1) integrated resource planning; 2) rate design to promote energy efficiency investment; 3) consideration of smart grid investments; and 4) smart grid information. For natural gas companies, these new federal standards address: 1) rate design to promote energy efficiency investment; and 2) energy efficiency.

The CR-101, which included a notice of opportunity to file written comments, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/090222. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

By April 24, 2009, a number of interested persons filed written comments in response to the CR-101. The Commission finds it appropriate to convene a workshop to discuss the proposed federal standards and the written comments it has received.

On May 21, 2009, the Commission will hold a stakeholder workshop to examine whether new or modified regulations or policy statements are needed to govern the aspects of investor-owned electric and natural gas utility operations proposed as new federal

standards in the EISA. To assist stakeholders in preparing for the workshop, Commission staff will prepare a workshop agenda and a matrix listing the filed written comments. These documents will be available on the Commission's website by May 8, 2009, at www.utc.wa.gov/090222.

WORKSHOP. The Commission will convene a workshop on **Thursday, May 21, 2009, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** For those unable to attend in person, the Commission's conference bridge will be available by dialing (360) 664-3846.

The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will also be provided to individuals if they request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may either: (1) submit a written request; (2) call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234; or (3) e-mail the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-090222.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Steve Johnson at sjohnson@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1346.

Sincerely,

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