



July 6, 2023

NOTICE OF RESOURCE ADEQUACY MEETING AS REQUIRED BY RCW 19.280.065 (Set for Monday, July 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.)

RE: Annual Resource Adequacy Meeting, RCW 19.280.065, Docket UE-210096

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On Monday, July 24, 2023, from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) and the Washington Department of Commerce (Commerce) will hold their third annual resource adequacy meeting to discuss the current adequacy of energy resources to serve the state's electric power needs. Presentations and discussions will include recent assessments of electricity demand and supply, the electric power industry's progress in developing a coordinated resource adequacy program, and other actions utilities are taking to ensure resource adequacy.

<u>RCW 19.280.065</u> requires the Commission and Commerce to hold a meeting to discuss issues related to resource adequacy and to provide a summary of the meeting to the governor and legislature as follows:

(1) At least once every 12 months, the Department and the Commission shall jointly convene a meeting of representatives of the investor-owned utilities and consumer-owned utilities, regional planning organizations, transmission operators, and other interested persons and organizations to discuss the current, short-term, and long-term adequacy of energy resources to serve the state's electric needs, and address specific steps the utilities can take to coordinate planning in light of the significant changes to the Northwest's power system including, but not limited to, technological developments, retirements of legacy baseload power generation resources, and changes in laws and regulations affecting power supply options. The Department and Commission shall provide a summary of these meetings including any specific action items, to the governor and legislature within 60 days of the meeting. (2) This section expires January 1, 2031. In 2023 <u>HB 1171</u> added the following requirements:

(1) The meeting must address strategies to ensure power supply adequacy to avoid the risk of rolling outages. The meeting must also focus discussion on the extent to which proposed laws and regulations may require new state policy for resource adequacy. The meeting of interested parties should seek to identify current regulatory and statutory incentives to enhance and ensure resource adequacy and reliability. If regional energy analytics capability is established at Pacific Northwest national laboratory, Commerce and the Commission must invite the Pacific Northwest national laboratory to the meeting to provide relevant analytics to inform the discussion.

The meeting agenda is under development and will be posted on Commerce's resource adequacy webpage: <u>https://www.commerce.wa.gov/resource-adequacy/</u>. Materials and audio recordings of last year's resource adequacy meeting can be found on the same webpage.

Workshop Participation

To maximize accessibility, the Commission and Commerce will be holding a hybrid meeting with in-person and virtual participation options. The Commission will be open to the public for in-person participation at the its headquarters in Lacey, Room 110. The address for the UTC headquarters is 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Interested persons not attending in-person may listen to the meeting via Zoom by calling +1 253 215 8782. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, <u>click here to join the meeting</u>. The virtual meeting passcode is 436592, and the Meeting ID is 844 6081 9521. If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please contact the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

More Information

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 emailing paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling (360) 664-1132 or emailing human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384 or 711.

If you have questions related to the Resource Adequacy meeting, please contact Commission Policy Advisor Payton Swinford or Commerce Energy Policy Specialist Austin Scharff. Payton Swinford may be reached by email at <u>Payton.Swinford@utc.wa.gov</u> or by phone 360-489-4044.

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