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April 4, 2024

## NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (Set for Tuesday, April 30, 2024, at 1 p.m. until 4 p.m.)

Phone: (253) 215-8782 • Meeting ID: 859 0226 3842# • Passcode: 896593# Zoom: Click here to join meeting

Re: Commission proceeding to develop a policy statement to address the application of equity and justice in Commission and regulated company processes and decisions,

Docket A-230217.

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 29, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a notice of opportunity to file written comments (Notice), initiating the Equity Docket, A- 230217. The Notice explained that the Commission planned to evaluate the four tenets of energy justice (procedural justice, distributional justice, recognition justice, and restorative justice), beginning with procedural justice, before issuing a policy statement.

By November 29, 2023, the Commission received a number of written comments in response to the Notice from the investor-owned utilities and interested persons.

To continue its evaluation of procedural justice, the Commission will convene a workshop on Tuesday, April 30, 2024, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., to discuss selected topics and other procedural justice issues. This workshop will be hosted in a hybrid setting, with in-person and virtual-access capabilities.

The Commission shares the following proposed workshop agenda, workshop topics, and discussion points to help workshop participants prepare for the workshop and to guide the procedural justice conversation. A final agenda will be posted to the docket two days prior to the workshop. The workshop is intended to be an interactive conversation and the Commission welcomes workshop participants to pose questions during the workshop.

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## WORKSHOP AGENDA

Workshop #1 Agenda			
Time	Duration	Agenda Items & Notes	
1:00 p.m.	15 mins	Overview of Equity Docket and Workshops	
		Purpose: Develop policy statement & action plan	
		Informed by: PEAR EO, HEAL, CETA, MYRP, CCA	
		Framework: Energy Justice Tenets	
1:15 p.m.	15mins	Scope of Docket Workplan	
		Public Notice and Workshop Series on:	
		Energy Justice Tenets: Procedural Justice, Distributional Justice, Recognition justice, and Restorative Justice	
		Public Comments Analysis & Recommendations	
		Procedural Justice public comments	
		Informing workshop discussions	
1: 30p.m.	60 mins	<ul> <li>Workshop Topic: Implementing the principles of Procedural Justice:</li> <li>Empowering wider participation of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and Lived experiences.</li> <li>Discussions points</li> <li>Encouraging participation from public interest groups and individuals with lived experience new to the Commission's process</li> <li>Providing financial incentives to participate</li> <li>Providing more frequent workshops/meetings to encourage further participation from commenters, following the issuance of notices seeking public</li> </ul>	
2:30 p.m.	60 mins	comment.  2: Developing best practices and tools.  Discussion points:	
		<ul> <li>Following up with commenters in appropriate contexts, such as certain rulemaking proceedings, to discuss their submissions in further detail.</li> <li>Identifying accessible medium and timing to</li> </ul>	
		<ul> <li>accommodate interested organizations and individuals.</li> <li>Identifying methods for public interest organizations</li> </ul>	
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		<ul> <li>and individuals to submit written interest prior to hearing.</li> <li>Identifying and engaging with named communities and others who may be likely beneficiaries of equity-informed decision making.</li> </ul>
3:30p.m.	30 min	Next Steps/Adjourn

## PARTICIPATING IN THE WORKSHOP:

Interested persons may join the meeting via telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 and using Meeting ID: 859 0226 3842# and Passcode: 896593#. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, <u>click here to join</u>.

If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

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) 664-1149 or by sending an email to stacey.brewster@utc.wa.gov.

### STAY INFORMED OF THIS PROCEEDING

Information related to this proceeding, including comments filed by interested persons, are posted on the Commission's <u>Equity Docket website</u>. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket A-230217 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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If you have questions regarding this workshop, you may contact Jimmy Nyanwapolu, U.S. Department of Energy Clean Energy Innovator Fellow, at <a href="mailto:jimmy.nyanwapolu@utc.wa">jimmy.nyanwapolu@utc.wa</a>.gov or (360) 742-2141.

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