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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
AND AN OPTIONAL STATEMENT OF PROPOSED ISSUES
(By Friday, August 31, 2012)**

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN REPLY COMMENTS
AND RESPONSES TO STATEMENTS OF PROPOSED ISSUES
(By Friday, October 5, 2012)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(To be held Friday, October 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: Commission Investigation into Natural Gas Conservation Programs
Docket UG-121207

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 26, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the need for guidance in planning and implementing natural gas conservation programs. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket UG-121207.

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's website at www.utc.wa.gov/121207. 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.

The Commission is seeking written comments from interested persons on issues related to natural gas conservation. While the Commission does not want to unduly limit comments, responses to the following questions would be - helpful:

1. What are the appropriate assumptions or factors to include in natural gas avoided cost calculations?
2. Should companies use a combination of cost tests in evaluating the cost-effectiveness of natural gas conservation programs?

The Commission also seeks Statements of Proposed Issues from interested persons addressing what the Commission should consider concerning the planning and implementation of natural gas conservation programs.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the CR-101 and to the above questions related to natural gas conservation programs must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, August 31, 2012**. Statements of Proposed Issues may be filed at the same time. Reply comments and responses to Statements of Proposed Issues must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, October 5, 2012**. The Commission requests that comments, replies and responses be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, reduce the need for paper copies, and facilitate quotations from the submissions. You may submit comments, replies and responses via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. You must include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-121207).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at www.utc.wa.gov.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document. If you have questions regarding this Notice, you may contact Deborah Reynolds, by email at dreynold@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1255.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

In addition to filing written comments, interested persons are invited to attend a stakeholder workshop to discuss these issues on **Friday, October 19, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.** **The workshop will be held in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Stakeholders will have further opportunity to comment. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may:

- Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.
- Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov.
- Mail written comments to the address below.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UG-121207 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
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Olympia, WA 98504-7250

NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Executive Director and Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket UG-121207. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary