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UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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April 10, 2014

NOTICE OF RECESSED OPEN MEETING

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS (Comments due Thursday, April 17, 2014, by 5:00 p.m.)

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (To be held Friday, April 25, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. to noon)

RE: Investigation on Compressed Natural Gas for Fueling Natural Gas Powered Vehicles, Docket UG-140525

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 25, 2014, the Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC or Commission) will host a workshop on compressed natural gas for fueling natural gas powered vehicles. The workshop is a recessed item on the Commission regularly scheduled open meeting of April 24, 2014.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The UTC seeks comment on, and will conduct a workshop to explore procedural and policy issues arising from the provision of Compressed Natural Gas for fueling natural gas powered vehicles from gas utilities regulated by the Commission. Stakeholders are encouraged to submit written comments with the Commission on the issues identified below:

- 1. What are the benefits to Washington State of widespread availability of compressed natural gas services for transportation?
- 2. What are the benefits to utility ratepayers if the Commission approves a utility tariff for gas compression service, and if so, what are those ratepayer benefits?
- 3. What are the risks to ratepayers, if any?

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4. Is the existing gas compression market potentially competitive? If so, how is the market benefited or harmed if a regulated utility provides service through its tariff?

- 5. What would be the advantages or disadvantages to the market if a utility provides gas compression service as an unregulated subsidiary buying its gas from its regulated operation via an affiliate transaction?
- 6. What constraints exist in developing NGV infrastructure both nationwide and in Washington?
- 7. What are the appropriate private sector, utility and commission roles in fostering the economic development and the expansion of the necessary infrastructure?

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m.**, **Thursday, April 17, 2014**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments should be in .pdf Adobe Acrobat or in Word 97 or later version. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by e-mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Alternatively, comments may be submitted by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, compact disk, or 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk. Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-140425).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Comments delivered by mail or courier should be addressed to: Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250. The Commission will post on its website all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at www.utc.wa.gov.

COMMISSION WORKSHOP

The Commission will discuss these issues and will allow time for interested persons and stakeholders to provide additional feedback on the issues listed above at a workshop scheduled for **Friday, April 25, 2014, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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The Commission prefers that interested persons participate in person and share ideas in a workshop setting, but if this imposes a hardship, interested persons may participate in the workshop via the Commission's teleconference bridge at (360) 664-3846.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, you may contact David Gomez, by email at dgomez@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1240.

STEVEN V. KING Executive Director and Secretary