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May 4, 2020

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By Monday, June 22, 2020)**

and

**NOTICE OF RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020)**

Re: Rulemaking to modify existing consumer protection and meter rules to include Advanced Metering Infrastructure
Docket U-180525

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This notice provides information about the status of the rulemaking in Docket U-180525 regarding proposed rules governing Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI) technologies for investor-owned utilities in Washington. This notice also provides interested persons an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the rule adoption hearing scheduled for July 13, 2020, at 9:30 a.m.

On July 10, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to modify existing consumer protection and meter-related rules to accommodate regulated utility deployment of AMI technologies. The Commission filed the CR-101 in Docket U-180525.

The Commission solicited and received comments in September 2018 on the CR-101, distributed discussion draft rules for comment in December 2018, held a public comment hearing on February 21, 2019, and held a workshop on March 13, 2019. The Commission distributed revised draft rules for comment on August 14, 2019 and received comments on the revised drafts on September 16, 2019. The Commission distributed further revised draft rules for comment and issued a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) Questionnaire to obtain

information regarding the impact of the draft rules on companies on October 30, 2019, received comments on December 12, 2019, and held a final workshop on December 19, 2019. The drafts, comments, and SBEIS Questionnaire are available in this docket on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/180525>.

On May 4, 2020, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser in WSR 20-10-080. The Commission has reviewed stakeholder comments received to date and has prepared proposed rules for stakeholder review and comments. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/180525>. The CR-102 filing initiates the final phase of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and the Commission's decision.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments must be filed with the Commission by **5 p.m. on June 22, 2020**. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket numbers of this proceeding (Docket U-180525);
- The commenting party's name; and,
- The title and date of the comment(s).

The Commission will post all comments in Docket U-180525, available on its website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/180525>.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission will conduct a public adoption hearing at **9:30 a.m. on July 13, 2020**, held in the Commission's Richard Hemstad Hearing Room, 621 Woodland Square Loop SE, Lacey, Washington. Interested persons may also listen to the adoption hearing via Skype by calling (360) 407-3810 and using conference ID 4818239.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff leads, Bridget Feeser, at (360) 664-1111 or by email at bridget.feeser@utc.wa.gov, or Greg Kopta, at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark L. Johnson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary