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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By January 31, 2014)

RE: Investigation of the costs and benefits of distributed generation and the effect of distributed generation on utility provision of electric service;
Docket UE-131883

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated this docket to engage in a conversation about the costs and benefits of distributed generation (DG) and the effect of DG on utility provision of electric service. Through this investigation the Commission hopes to understand better the effects of DG in the state of Washington and consider how to address these effects.

On November 6, 2013, the Commission received written comments from stakeholders discussing the costs and benefits of DG in the state of Washington. On Wednesday, November 13, 2013, the Commission hosted a workshop on this topic. At the workshop, the Commission heard presentations of the results of three recent studies on this topic, and heard comments on the impacts of DG from the state's investor-owned utilities and other stakeholders.

The Commission anticipates scheduling a second workshop on these issues in April 2014. At this second workshop, the Commission intends to lead a discussion on whether this investigation should continue and, if so, what issues should be addressed and through what process. Procedural options include additional discussions at workshops held during open meetings and a rulemaking docket with the goal of producing rules, a policy statement, or both.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission requests written comments on whether the Commission should continue this investigation after the April workshop and, if so, what issues should be addressed and by what process. Comments should address which issues the Commission should consider in this investigation, proposals for how to address these issues, and what process would best facilitate this investigation. Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, January 31, 2014**. The Commission requests that the 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 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 (UE-131883).
- 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 flash drive, compact disk, or 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 2010 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 Yochi Zakai, by email at yzakai@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1207.

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