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ADDENDUM NOTICE OF DISCUSSION AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP
(Set for Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021, at 9 a.m.)

Re: In the Matter of the Commission's examination of intervenor funding provisions for regulatory proceedings, Docket U-210595

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On Sept. 28, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will hold a workshop to discuss the implementation of Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill 5295, Chapter 188, Laws of 2021, which provides statutory authority for energy utilities to provide financial assistance to certain organizations participating in regulatory processes before the Commission.

The law, codified as [RCW 80.28.430](#), directs the Commission to approve, approve with modifications, or reject proposed agreements and, before administering agreements, determine by rule or order:

- Amounts of funding that can be provided to organizations
- The manner in which the financial assistance is distributed
- The manner in which the financial assistance is recovered in the rates of the gas company or electrical company, and
- Other matters necessary to administer the agreement.¹

The statute further directs the Commission and utilities to prioritize for funding organizations that represent vulnerable populations or highly impacted communities.²

The Commission is accepting public comments, both written and through its September 28 workshop, to inform a policy statement that will guide Commission orders administering funding agreements.

¹ RCW 80.28.430 (1) and (2)

² RCW 80.28.430 (4)

Due to limitations on in-person gatherings caused by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission will conduct this stakeholder workshop virtually. Although parties may participate by telephone, participation by computer will make it easier to facilitate the discussion, which will include interactive discussions using Microsoft Teams breakout rooms.

To participate via Microsoft Teams, [click here to join the meeting](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTNINWI1NzAtYzMxOC00YmYwLTkzMjMtYTdlNjVmYzlkOWYw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2211d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2279585ba5-e8ed-4aec-84d3-7d0eacf1ded3%22%7d) or copy the following link into your browser: https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_ZTNINWI1NzAtYzMxOC00YmYwLTkzMjMtYTdlNjVmYzlkOWYw%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%2211d0e217-264e-400a-8ba0-57dcc127d72d%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2279585ba5-e8ed-4aec-84d3-7d0eacf1ded3%22%7d

To participate by phone, call (253) 372-2181, and enter conference ID 909 389 146#.

AGENDA

This meeting begins at 9 a.m. and will include morning and afternoon sessions, with discussion in the following order:

- 9 a.m.** Welcome and introductions
- 9:10 a.m.** Discussion of topics and comments presented by stakeholders in this Docket, including:
- Defining “broad customer interests;”
 - Utility and stakeholder experiences in other states, including the use of funding programs by new organizations coming before a commission (Comments should be additional to what stakeholders have already provided.);
 - Updates from utilities and participants about any discussions concerning funding agreements that may come before the Commission for approval;
 - Updates from utilities and stakeholders participating in Oregon’s funding program about the incorporation of new Oregon requirements prioritizing environmental justice communities;
 - Rate recovery and cost allocation;
 - Potential caps on funding;
 - Prioritization of highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations in Washington’s funding program;
 - Materiality as a threshold or criteria for program funding;
 - Required matching or outside funding streams as a threshold or criteria for program funding; and
 - Timing of award decisions and payments.
- 10 a.m.** Break

- 10:10 a.m.** Continued discussion of topics and comments presented by stakeholders in this Docket
- 11:30 a.m.** Break for lunch
- 1:30 p.m.** Afternoon session begins with discussing preferred templates and forms for funding agreements as well as specific discussion of monetary caps and other program budget proposals
- 4 p.m.** Workshop adjourns

MEETING PARTICIPATION

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) 664-1140 or by sending an email to paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the meeting, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling (360) 664- 1132 or by sending an email to human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384 or 711.

If you have questions regarding docket or this workshop, you may contact energy policy advisor Kate Griffith at kate.griffith@utc.wa.gov or (360) 742-2628.

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