

# **LEAST COST PLANNING RULES**

## **WAC 480-100-283 (UE-030311), WAC 480-90-238 (UG-030312),**

### **Issue Topics**

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#### ***I. Relating to Electric and Gas Least Cost Plan Rules (WAC 480-100/90-238)***

##### **A. Procedural Issues**

- Initiation
- Public Involvement
- Public Process
- Timelines for Filing and Related Incentives/Disincentives
- Enforcement/Approval of Plans
- Performance-Based Procurement Incentives

##### **B. Planning and Analysis Issues**

- Resource Alternatives
- Integration of Demand-Side Management
- Integration of Renewable Resources
- Role of Risk and Uncertainty
- *Resource Diversity*
- *Resource Adequacy*
- *Hedging*
- Quantifying Externalities
- Planning Horizons
- Analysis of Gas Supply Options
- Requirement for Integration of Electric and Natural Gas Plans
- Other/General Planning Issues

##### **C. Consistency of LCP Standard and Guidelines Across States**

- Consistency with state and regional preferences
- Review other state rules
- Rename the process: Integrated Resource Planning

##### **D. Consistency with State or Federal Policies and Laws (*relevant to Least Cost Planning and WAC 480-107*)**

- Changes in Rules if PURPA Repealed
- State Energy Strategy (SES)

##### **E. Appropriate Uses of Least Cost Plans**

- Enforcement/Approval
- To Determine Need for Long-Term Resource Acquisition
- To Develop Avoided Costs

##### **F. Other Issues in WAC 480-100-238 and 480-90-238**

- Define “Lowest Cost”
- Emphasize Electric Resource Portfolio Management
- Decoupling

**BIDDING RULE**  
**Chapter 480-107 WAC (UE-030423)**

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**II. *Relating to Bidding Rule***

**A. Conditions that Trigger a RFP**

**B. *Conditions to Waive a RFP Process***

**C. RFP Solicitation Process (WAC 480-107-060)**

- Resource Specific RFPs
- Resources with Long Lead-Times
- Public Comment Period
- Streamlining the RFP Process

**D. Ranking Procedures (WAC 480-107-070)**

- Relationship to Plan
- Confidentiality of Bids
- Prioritize Acquisition of Cost-Effective Conservation
- Externalities

**E. Power Contract Markets, Resource Markets, and Regulated Utilities:  
Fairness for Suppliers and Least Cost for Rate Payers**

**F. Consistency With Chapter 480-146 WAC (Affiliated Interests)**

**G. Consistency with FERC 888/889 and EPACT**

**H. PURPA and other Issues**

- Connection Between LCP & RFP
- Requirement of Avoided Cost Schedule
- Consistency with PURPA
- Compulsory or Optional
- Flexibility
- Qualifying Facilities
- Prototype Contracts
- Pre-Approval of Resource Acquisition
- Contract Purchase Rates
- General Comments