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## NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT AND VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

(Comments due by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022) (Workshop scheduled for Monday, August 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.)

RE: Developing a Commission jurisdictional specific cost-effectiveness test for distributed energy resources incorporating CETA, Docket UE-210804.

## TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On November 8, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments in Docket UE-210804 soliciting feedback from interested persons on Commission staff's (Staff) investigation to determine whether additional guidance related to the cost-effectiveness of distributed energy resources (DERs) is necessary. Staff intends to develop a jurisdiction-specific test for DERs that incorporates the goals of the Clean Energy Transformation Act. Staff's investigation will follow the process and principles described in the <a href="National Standard Practice Manual For Benefit-Cost Analysis of Distributed Energy Resources">National Standard Practice Manual For Benefit-Cost Analysis of Distributed Energy Resources</a> (NSPM). On May 10, 2022, the Commission held a virtual workshop to address stakeholder feedback and begin discussions of applicable policy goals.

The Commission will convene a second two-hour virtual workshop Monday, August 1, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. to continue discussion of applicable policy goals, identify the full range of utility system impacts to include in a cost-effectiveness test, and begin discussing non-utility system impacts.

In preparation for the workshop, the Commission requests that interested persons file written comments by July 25, 2021. Attached to this notice is a template titled "Policy Inventory and DER Impacts." The first tab contains definitions of impacts, the second tab is to document applicable policies and impacts relevant to each policy, and the third tab is to document utility practices for impacts valued for DERs.

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The WA Policy Inventory tab (green) contains two examples of policies and relevant impacts provided by Commission Staff. Stakeholders are encouraged to add additional policies, impacts, and to modify Staff's examples.

The Current BCA Practice tab (blue) is for utilities to fill out. This will document which impacts are currently considered for valuation of different distributed energy resources, separated into energy efficiency, demand response, distributed generation, distributed storage, and electric vehicle supply equipment.

#### WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION

The Commission will be conducting the workshop virtually. Commission headquarters will not be open to the public for in-person participation. Interested persons may listen to the meeting via Zoom by calling (253) 215-8782 and using Meeting ID 992 0075 8178 and the Passcode 759393. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, <u>click here to join the meeting</u>. If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

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 <a href="mailto:paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov">paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov</a>.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for the recessed open 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 <a href="mailto:human\_resources@utc.wa.gov">human\_resources@utc.wa.gov</a>. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 1-800-833-6384 or 711.

### WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission provides notice that interested persons may file comments in this Docket by 5 p.m. on Monday, July 25, 2022.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or on a disc or other commonly used electronic storage medium by mail or hand delivery as provided in WAC 480-07-140 (5)(c), without providing a paper copy. Comment submissions should include:

• The Docket number of this proceeding (Docket UE-210804).

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- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its website all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at <a href="https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2021/210804">https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2021/210804</a>.

If you need translated materials, please contact records@utc.wa.gov or call (360) 664-1234.

If you have questions regarding this workshop, you may contact Jennifer Snyder at jennifer.snyder@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1311.

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