**EXHIBIT A**

**Washington UTC Rules Governing RFPs**

**Market RFP**

| **WAC Rule** | **Requirement** | **Location in Market RFP** |
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| **480-107-025 – Contents of the Solicitation** | |  |
|  | (1) The RFP must identify the resource block, consisting of the overall amount and duration of power the utility is soliciting, the initial estimate of avoided cost schedule as calculated in WAC [480-107-055](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=480-107-055) Avoided cost schedule, and any additional information necessary for potential bidders to make a complete bid. | Part I, Section 2, Section 4 and Appendix 1 |
|  | (2) The RFP must document that the size of the resource block is consistent with the range of estimated new resource needs identified in the utility's integrated resource plan. | Part I, Section 3. |
|  | (3) The RFP must explain general evaluation and ranking procedures the utility will use in accordance with WAC [480-107-035](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=480-107-035) Project ranking procedure. The RFP must also specify any minimum criteria that bidders must satisfy to be eligible for consideration in the ranking procedure. | Part I, Section 5. |
|  | (4) The RFP must specify the timing of process including the solicitation period, the ranking period, and the expected selection period. | Part I, Sections 4-5. |
|  | (5) The RFP must identify all security requirements and the rationale for them. | Part II, Section 2. |
| **480-107-035 – Ranking Procedures** | |  |
|  | (2) At a minimum, the ranking criteria must recognize resource cost, market-volatility risks, demand-side resource uncertainties, resource dispatchability, resource effect on system operation, credit and financial risks to the utility, the risks imposed on ratepayers, public policies regarding resource preference adopted by Washington state or the federal government and environmental effects including those associated with resources that emit carbon dioxide. The ranking criteria must recognize differences in relative amounts of risk inherent among different technologies, fuel sources, financing arrangements, and contract provisions. The ranking process must complement power acquisition goals identified in the utility's integrated resource plan. | Part I, Section 5. |