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**CONCISE EXPLANATORY
STATEMENT**

Docket: **UE-990473**
Electric Companies -- Rulemaking

Review the Commission's rules in Chapter 480-100 of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Electric Companies.

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Recommendation:

Direct the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) in Docket UE-990473 to initiate review of the Commission's rules in Chapter 480-100 WAC of the Washington Administrative Code concerning Electric Companies.

Discussion:

The objective of this rulemaking is to review rules governing the Commission's regulation of electric companies in compliance with Executive Order 97-02 to determine whether:

1. The rules comply with authorizing statutes;
2. The current rules are obsolete, duplicative, or need to be repealed;
3. The rules provide the results that they were originally intended to achieve; and
4. The rules are written and organized in a clear and concise manner, in order that they may be readily understood by those to whom they apply.

This review will focus on the topics now codified in Chapter 480-100 WAC. This rulemaking proceeding may identify areas of needed change, and may implement changes related to those topics in other chapters of the Administrative Code.

Staff will schedule public meetings and workshops with broad notice to interested persons,

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inviting regulated utilities, their customers, and other interested parties to participate in the rulemaking process.

Therefore, Staff recommends that the Commission directs the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry (CR 101) in Docket UE-990473 to initiate review of the Commission's rules relating to Electric Companies in Chapter 480-100 WAC.