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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By 5 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021)

RE: Relating to the Commission’s examination of energy decarbonization impacts and pathways for electric and gas utilities to meet state emissions targets, Docket U-210553

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

In the 2021 operating budget, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received a state appropriation to “examine feasible and practical pathways for investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to contribute their share to greenhouse gas emissions reductions as described in RCW 70A.45.020 [state law].”¹ As part of its examination, the Commission must identify and consider the impacts of energy decarbonization on residential and commercial customers and electric and natural gas utilities. The results of the examination must be reported to the appropriate legislative committees by June 1, 2023.

To gather initial stakeholder input, the Commission held a public workshop on August 9, 2021, and accepted public comments through August 13, 2021. At the workshop, the Commission shared its intent to hire consulting services to support the Commission’s examination. The Commission has written a draft request for proposals (RFP) to solicit qualified consultants. As described in the draft RFP, the solicitation is for an “on-call” contract. The Commission will select one bidder based on the experience of the consulting team, including any subconsultants, and the billable rates for consultant staff. Once the successful bidder is under contract, the Commission will work collaboratively with the consultant to develop one or more scopes of work. The on-call contract format is intended to allow the Commission and contractor to discuss an examination approach, as well as to scale tasks to the available budget and timeline.

Attachment A includes the substantive portions of the draft RFP for stakeholder consideration. Attachment A does not include standard contract language. In addition to the information

¹ Senate Bill 5092, Sec 143(4).

included in Attachment A, bidders will be provided exhibits that include the state appropriation language in Senate Bill 5092, Section 143(4), and information on how to access the Commission's docket system for Docket U-210553.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit comments on the draft RFP by **5 p.m., Tuesday, September 21, 2021.**

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those 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 by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (Docket U-210553).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/210553>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically the Commission will accept a paper document.

FUTURE STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS AND COMMENTING PERIODS

Stakeholders will have further opportunity for comment. Information about any workshops and other aspects of the Commission's examination in this docket, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. Persons filing comments in response to this Notice will receive future communications the Commission issues in this docket. If you do not file comments but wish to receive such information you may contact the Commission's Records Center by telephone at (360) 664-1139 or by email at records@utc.wa.gov and ask to be included on the distribution list for Docket U-210553.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-210553 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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OTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions regarding the opportunity to comment, you may contact staff lead Kendra White at (360) 701-5363, or by email at kendra.white@utc.wa.gov.

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