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Mark L. Johnson
Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop S.E.
Lacey, WA 98503

Re: *In the matter of Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group,*
Docket UE-190760

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On October 28, 2019, The Utilities and Transportation Commission (“Commission”) and The Washington Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) requested nominations for members to serve on the Carbon and Electricity Markets Stakeholder Work Group (“MWG”), in addition to educational topics for the first work group meeting.

Public Counsel respectfully nominates Lisa Gafken, Public Counsel Unit Chief, to serve on the MWG. Corey Dahl, Public Counsel Regulatory Analyst, would work with Ms. Gafken on issues addressed by the work group. RCW 19.405.130 directs the Commission and Commerce to convene stakeholders from the following entities or areas of interest:

- Electric utilities
- Gas companies
- Bonneville Power Administration
- Public interest and environmental groups
- Other agencies¹

The Public Counsel Unit of the Attorney General’s Office qualifies for membership on the MWG as a public interest representative or a state agency. As a member of the MWG, Public Counsel would serve as a representative for residential and small business electric and gas utility customers. Public Counsel is a statutory party in Commission proceedings,² and in that role, Public Counsel advocates on behalf of the public interest.

¹ RCW 19.405.130(2).

² RCW 80.01.100, 80.04.510, and 81.04.500.

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With respect to educational topics for the first work group meeting, Public Counsel believes it would be beneficial to all participants to provide a basic overview of energy and carbon markets, and move into more specificity with information on western energy markets. This would provide a broad, common base of knowledge for stakeholders to work from before digging into the minutiae of the topics that the MWG will address. At this time, we have not identified a speaker who could provide this presentation.

Questions can be directed to Corey Dahl (206-464-6380 or Corey.Dahl@atg.wa.gov) or Lisa Gafken (206-464-6595 or Lisa.Gafken@atg.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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