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3 P R O C E E D I N G S

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5 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Good afternoon. I'm
6 Ann Rendahl, Commissioner at the Washington Utilities
7 and Transportation Commission here with Glenn Blackmon
8 from Department of Commerce, and we are kicking off our
9 discussion on the carbon and electricity markets
10 stakeholder work group in Docket UE-190760.

11 So we have the benefit of having a court
12 reporter here with us today taking down our every word
13 for posterity, which means if you do have a comment, you
14 need to make it through a microphone. And so at
15 different points we will call upon folks who may have
16 comments, and if you're at the table or -- or sitting
17 behind the table if you have a comment, just make sure
18 that you do so through the microphones so the court
19 reporter can take down your comments.

20 So, again, I want to welcome you here today.
21 Appreciate you're here for our first discussion of -- of
22 how to put together this work group and what this work
23 group is going to do. Glenn and I will walk through a
24 number of different topics that we need to talk about,
25 but before we do that, and I'm going to let Glenn have a

1 few comments, and then we'll go around the table and
2 then in the back and identify who all is here so we know
3 who is here.

4 MR. BLACKMON: Thank you. This is Glenn
5 Blackmon with the Washington State Department of
6 Commerce State Energy Office, and we are pleased to have
7 such a good turnout today. And we're looking forward to
8 discussing these issues that I think more than anything
9 else since the Clean Energy Transformation Act was
10 passed, this one has kind of elevated from one of those
11 small issues at the bottom and has percolated its way up
12 to where we realize there's a lot of interest in how
13 this new law of ours would be -- would work given the
14 differences in the way electricity is traded and the way
15 state policy is set in the many different states in the
16 West.

17 And so we came to realize that this was an
18 issue that needed to be looked at quite promptly, and
19 we're happy to be here today to start that work by
20 figuring out this work group that we can do and trying
21 to identify some of the issues that need to be tackled
22 by the work group that we eventually assemble.

23 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. So we'll just
24 go first around the table and then have -- I don't know
25 if we have a portable mic. That might be useful for

1 purposes of the folks -- folks at the back of the room.

2 I'll start here with my left with Chair Dave Danner.

3 Thank you for joining.

4 CHAIRMAN DANNER: Yes, thank you. I'm Dave
5 Danner, the Chair of the UTC. I will be in and out this
6 afternoon because of some other meetings, and
7 Commissioner Balasbas will also be joining us from time
8 to time this afternoon. He also has meetings that are
9 making our day a little interesting.

10 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Ann Rendahl,
11 UTC.

12 MR. JOHNSON: This is Steve Johnson, policy
13 advisor of the Commissioners.

14 MS. WIENCKE: Mary Wiencke, PacifiCorp.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: And you need to press
16 the button down and hold it, and then the green light
17 should go on.

18 MS. DRAYTON: Annabel Drayton, Northwest
19 Energy Coalition.

20 MS. BASTIAN: Eleanor Bastian, Washington
21 Environmental Council.

22 MS. HAMPTON: Therese Hampton, Public
23 Generating Pool.

24 MR. DAHL: Corey Dahl with the Public
25 Counsel Unit of the Washington Attorney General's

1 Office.

2 MS. GAFKEN: Lisa Gafken, Assistant Attorney
3 General with Public Counsel.

4 MS. HUGHES: Nicole Hughes, Renewable
5 Northwest.

6 MR. DAVIS: Tom Davis, Bonneville Power.

7 MS. BREIDENICH: Claire Breidenich, Western
8 Power Trading Forum.

9 MS. SMITH: Jennifer Smith, Avista.

10 MS. GERVAIS: Linda Gervais with Avista.

11 MR. HILL: Nate Hill, Puget Sound Energy.

12 MR. CROWLEY: Colin Crowley with PSE.

13 MR. CAMPBELL: Rob Campbell, Powerex.

14 MR. CORRIGAN: Mike Corrigan, Powerex.

15 MR. ARBAUGH: Dave Arbaugh for Chelan PUD,
16 City of Richland, and Energy Northwest.

17 MR. SHARP: Austin Sharp, Department of
18 Commerce.

19 MS. KLUMPP: Liz Klumpp, Bonneville Power.

20 MR. ROTHLIN: John Rothlin, Avista.

21 MS. COLLINS: Kathleen Collins, PacifiCorp.

22 MR. WARREN: Dave Warren for National Grid,
23 Klickitat PUD, and Silfab Solar.

24 MR. MCISAAC: Clark McIsaac, Snohomish
25 County Public Utility District.

1 MS. DROKE: Mendy Droke, Seattle City Light.

2 MR. ESPENHORST: Hi, Eric Espenhorst, also
3 with Seattle City Light.

4 MS. HAKALA: Tuuli Hakala, Chelan County
5 PUD.

6 MS. BRIDGE: Betsy Bridge, Northwest
7 Requirements Utilities.

8 MR. GARCIA: Nicholas Garcia, the Washington
9 Public Utility Districts Association.

10 MS. MILINOVICH: Corinne Milinovich on
11 behalf of Alliance of Western Energy Consumers.

12 MR. BABBITTS: Matt Babbitts, Clark PUD.

13 MS. FISHER: Lea Fisher, Public Generating
14 Pool.

15 MS. CUSHING: Kim Cushing, nonpartisan staff
16 at the Senate.

17 MS. HUGHES: Nikkole Hughes, nonpartisan
18 staff at the House of Representatives.

19 MS. ANDREWS: Amy Andrews, UTC Policy.

20 MS. PATTERSON: Michele Patterson, Mason PUD
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22 MR. CHILES: Mark Chiles with Cascade
23 Natural Gas.

24 MR. POHNDORF: George Pohndorf with Black
25 and Veatch.

1 MR. ROGERS: Nathan Rogers with Ecoplexus.

2 MS. JAHSHAN: Amanda Jahshan, Department of
3 Natural Resources.

4 MS. HALL: Kelly Hall, Climate Solutions.

5 MR. CARLSON: Joel Carlson, Sierra Club
6 South Sound.

7 JUDGE DOROSHKIN: Nelli Doroshkin,
8 Administrative Law Judge with the UTC.

9 MR. HENDERSON: Stew Henderson with EFSEC.

10 CHAIR DREW: Kathleen Drew, Energy Facility
11 Site Evaluation Council.

12 MS. REYNOLDS: Deborah Reynolds, Commission
13 Staff.

14 MR. VASCONI: Mark Vasconi, Commission
15 Staff.

16 MR. CEBULKO: Brad Cebulko from the
17 Commission.

18 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Thank you,
19 everybody. So we do have quite a few people interested
20 here. And just going back to the basics, so Section 13
21 of Senate Bill 5116, which we'll affectionately refer to
22 as CETA, C-E-T-A, requires that the Department and the
23 Commission convene a stakeholder work group to examine
24 the efficient and consistent integration of this Act and
25 transactions with carbon electricity markets outside of

1 the state and compatibility of the requirements under
2 this Act relative to a linked cap and trade program.

3 It then identifies that to assist in the
4 agency's examination of the issues, as well as other
5 pertinent issues to our review, the work group must at a
6 minimum consist of electric utilities, gas companies,
7 the Bonneville Power Administration, public interest and
8 environmental organizations, and other agencies.

9 So that -- that is the reason we are here is
10 the statutory direction for us to form this work group
11 with at a minimum those entities. Glenn and Steve and I
12 and Deborah have had conversations about how best to
13 focus this group. We do not believe just at the outset
14 that Commerce and the UTC will be members of this work
15 group. We will convene this work group, facilitate the
16 meetings of the work group, but it is not our intent to
17 be members of this work group.

18 So today what we're hoping to do is, as you
19 can see on the agenda --

20 (Brief interruption.)

21 Would you like me to repeat what I said?

22 So this meeting will be recorded both
23 through a traditional recording as well as the court
24 reporter. So if you are interested once the recording
25 is done, it will be available on the Commission's

1 website under the docket number.

2 We're going to focus on the membership, how
3 the membership is going to be determined, both the size
4 and who those members are going to be and how that
5 selection will happen. Talk about the structure and
6 function of the meetings and then go on into what those
7 meetings will -- will involve.

8 So before we start talking about the
9 membership, I'm going to turn this back over to Glenn
10 and see if there's anything else he wants to add.

11 MR. BLACKMON: Thank you. This is Glenn
12 Blackmon again. And I think one thing I'd like to add,
13 as we've talked about putting together the -- the work
14 group, that it -- it -- it could depend on kind of how
15 that work group will operate in terms of, you know, how
16 important it is that certain people be on the work group
17 or not.

18 And so we wanted to talk a little bit about
19 what we envision with that. And that is that this work
20 group, while it would have a -- you know, a finite, not
21 unreasonably large number of people on the work group
22 itself, that the -- the meetings themselves would be
23 convened publicly either here or at, you know, another
24 location, and people would -- anybody who's interested
25 would be able to attend those workshops and engage in

1 discussion and things like that, but that we would have
2 that kind of core group that would be responsible for
3 doing that -- that primary list in terms of putting
4 together agendas, identifying topics that need to be
5 discussed, and things like that.

6 And one thing that we'll talk about a little
7 bit later is organizationally whether it would be
8 helpful to have one or two people designated to be
9 chairs of the work group. So that's a topic for
10 discussion a little bit later here too.

11 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you, Glenn.

12 And so the intent is that because the
13 meetings would be open, even if you're not a work group
14 member, you would be able to attend and listen in to any
15 educational sessions, get that basic understanding, and
16 listen to the discussion going on and have an
17 opportunity to weigh in through some public comment
18 sessions. So this -- this is intended to be an
19 opportunity to be inclusive, so those who believe they
20 should be a part of this group and want to be a part of
21 this group, but balanced with the interest of having a
22 manageable number.

23 So, again, the statute, which I've read, had
24 some certain identified members, but it doesn't give us
25 a total number. And so in just doing some

1 brainstorming, this is a -- this is a proposal to put
2 out to the group for -- for thoughts. I'll just lay it
3 out, and then we'll go around and have some input on
4 that.

5 There are over 60 electric utilities in the
6 state, so it's not really going to be manageable to have
7 all 60 utilities on the work group. It seems reasonable
8 to have -- at least this is our perspective and we will
9 listen to what you have to say -- six members on the
10 work group that will be electric utilities, three
11 investor-owned utility representatives, and three
12 consumer-owned utility representatives. There are three
13 electric investor-owned utilities in the state, there
14 are many more consumer-owned utilities; however, there
15 are some representative organizations that can represent
16 those groups, so we look forward to that discussion.

17 There are two gas companies in the state
18 that are just solely gas companies. There are also some
19 of the investor-owned utilities that are electric
20 companies are also gas companies, so there are some
21 overlap. So we were thinking one representative of the
22 gas company on the work group. BPA is specifically
23 listed, so BPA will have a member on the work group.
24 Public interest and environmental organizations are
25 identified, and we were thinking, again, three public

1 interest and three environmental organizations.

2 It references other agencies or entities.

3 We're aware that Ecology is interested. I hear there's
4 someone from DNR here in the audience. Any agencies
5 that wish to participate are welcome to participate. We
6 are not -- there may be tribes that wish to participate.
7 I have reached out to the legislative staff who wish to
8 observe and not be a member. So those are -- that's
9 sort of our universe, but there may be other entities
10 who wish to participate. Again, we're trying to keep
11 this ideally maybe around 20 so that the work group will
12 actually be able to work together.

13 So that is the idea, that we would ask
14 entities to state their representatives by November 7th
15 to Commerce and the Commission, and then we will
16 identify the work group membership by the 15th. If you
17 cannot decide, we will decide for you. So that's sort
18 of in terms of the membership, that's our initial
19 thinking on this.

20 I turn it over to Glenn for any additional
21 thoughts he has, and then we'll go around the room to
22 see what people's perspectives are.

23 MR. BLACKMON: I think at this point, I'd
24 just be -- would like to move into hearing other
25 people's thoughts on this, because I think Ann's laid

1 out the -- the concept very accurately.

2 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Who wants to go
3 first? Clare, Clare Breidenich.

4 MS. BREIDENICH: Thank you. Thank you,
5 Commissioner, for laying that out. And just before I
6 double-check, I came up with 15 in the list you
7 identified; was that about right? Okay. So what I
8 wanted to raise is, I wonder if I didn't hear you
9 indicate were other participants in the power projects.
10 You mentioned utilities and we've got at least 23 in the
11 state, but there are a whole sweep of entities in the
12 West, not just in Washington State, but throughout the
13 West who provide power to the utilities and are very
14 interested in the interactions of carbon markets with
15 the electricity markets.

16 I -- my membership organization, Western
17 Power Trading Forum, we have over 85 entities. We
18 participate at Mid-C, we participate in the energy
19 imbalance market in California, in the CISO, as well as
20 selling a lot of power bilaterally to the utilities. So
21 we would be very interested in seeing a seat at the
22 table, ideally two, given the size of -- of as I said, a
23 pool of entities who's potentially interested in -- in
24 this process. Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you.

1 Any other thoughts? Nicole?

2 MS. HUGHES: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Rendahl. So in addition to nonutility market
4 participants, I guess I would recommend independent
5 power producers have a seat at the table. We represent
6 a large number of independent power producers. I -- I
7 think one seat would be appropriate. And further would
8 like to recommend that we consider tribal memberships as
9 well.

10 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Right, we -- I had
11 mentioned --

12 MS. HUGHES: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: -- tribes. We -- we
14 have done some outreach, but not really heard back from
15 tribes, but we think it's appropriate. And given the
16 focus in the legislation on the variety of issues, we
17 had also contemplated reaching out to organizations
18 focused on -- on environmental justice and equity
19 issues, so that could be an appropriate seat, possibly
20 even labor. So all of the folks who had been involved
21 in putting this bill together and have an understanding
22 of what was involved may have an interest in at least
23 understanding what the issues are, so I appreciate your
24 thoughts on that.

25 Any other thoughts, comments? Colin.

1 MR. CROWLEY: Commissioner, I would submit
2 that maybe we should consider having a consultant, a
3 third-party consultant involved in the market work
4 groups with broad market design experience.

5 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Are you thinking in
6 terms of facilitation or just with a perspective?

7 MR. CROWLEY: Just a perspective from
8 other -- other organized markets across the country.

9 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I guess maybe I will
10 ask Clare.

11 Are some of your members -- could some of
12 your members fit into that category? Maybe not
13 consultants, but with a broad perspective in other -- in
14 other markets besides Western markets?

15 MS. BREIDENICH: Yes, I mean I certainly
16 think we could bring perspective of -- of those markets.
17 The other thing in you're -- you're looking to lay out a
18 work plan today, I mean, you could always think about on
19 an ad -- ad hoc as needed basis to bring in -- you know,
20 if you wanted to bring in somebody from the ISO, for
21 instance, or nonprofits or something else, I -- I would
22 imagine that -- getting that straight from the horse's
23 mouth might be useful, but could do that on an ad hoc
24 basis at well.

25 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Right, right. And I

1 think as Glenn and I mentioned, that whether or not
2 somebody is a member of the work group, they're
3 available to participate, and we will obviously be
4 drawing from a number of different folks, we anticipate
5 getting the discussions with some basic educational
6 sessions. So that could be an opportunity for that.

7 Other -- other thoughts?

8 MR. BLACKMON: Could I just ask a clarifying
9 question? Are you proposing that -- that the work group
10 retain a consultant to support its work or the -- this
11 be someone who's a member of the work group?

12 MR. CROWLEY: The -- the former of the two.
13 So to -- to support the work group.

14 MR. BLACKMON: Okay. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Lisa Gafken?

16 MS. GAFKEN: Thank you. This statute isn't
17 necessarily clear on this point, but I would propose
18 that consumer groups be included in the public interest
19 category. I know that's a fairly common construct when,
20 for example, other ISOs or -- or seating people at the
21 table for -- for these sorts of discussions. And so I
22 would propose that if that's not already considered,
23 that consumer groups be part of that public interest
24 group and, of course, Public Counsel would be interested
25 in participating.

1 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Great. Thank you.

2 Anybody else at the table who wishes to
3 comment before we bring folks in and make a mic
4 available to anyone in the back? See right here in the
5 front, gentleman right here, is there a --

6 Brad, do you still have the mic? Sorry, I'm
7 designating you as our roving mic person.

8 Oh, Lisa, thank you.

9 MR. CAMPBELL: Hi, this is Rob Campbell at
10 Powerex. I'd just like to emphasize Clare's earlier
11 point. I think it's worthwhile to have parties that are
12 active in the wholesale markets who are used to making
13 energy move across different jurisdictions under
14 different regulatory formats and have experience with a
15 variety of different regulatory environments,
16 particularly a regulated entity in California under
17 CARB. But there's a whole bunch of different regulatory
18 constructs that energy marketers have to exist within,
19 and it might be useful for this group to just get that
20 experience.

21 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Other folks? I see a
22 hand at the back.

23 MS. HALL: Commissioner, Kelly Hall for
24 Climate Solutions. I will third that point. I think
25 it's really important that we have folks from Oregon and

1 California, CISO, EIM, that comes to mind, but also the
2 folks that are implementing the cap and trade down in
3 California. I think it would be really important as we
4 talk about carbon markets to make sure they're included
5 as well.

6 And then you mentioned labor a little bit.
7 Just want to emphasize that I think labor should also be
8 a part of this group or at least have the option to be a
9 part of this group. As well as on Lisa's point about I
10 think low income representatives or communities of
11 color, I think those fit into the public interest
12 groups, but since it's kind of a broad term, just making
13 sure that they are explicitly asked to be a part of
14 this.

15 And then last thing is just making sure that
16 there is a balance between agencies and utilities and
17 public interest. It sounds like that's what you're
18 trying to do, just wanted to reemphasize that point.

19 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Mary?

20 MS. WIENCKE: Oh, there we go. Sorry.
21 Thank you. I just wanted to -- to hone in on a couple
22 of points, and I think Colin -- oh, okay. I'll pick it
23 up. I think Colin was making this point in terms of are
24 there -- are there people -- there are people who are
25 actually members on the committee and then there are

1 sort of technical experts maybe to whom the committee
2 looks to for information. And so like a -- like a --
3 like a CARB or an Oregon DEQ or something like that, I
4 would maybe think of more as providing input to the
5 committee versus actually being on the committee. And
6 maybe that's just a discussion to have, but I just want
7 to make that distinction that just because maybe there's
8 not an entity who has interest that is actually on the
9 committee, can nonetheless engage as sort of a technical
10 expert.

11 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Right, and I think
12 that was the point that I think Glenn and I were both
13 stressing earlier is that, again, making sure that
14 membership -- the member group is a workable group, a
15 workable number, and a balance being inclusive as well
16 as representative, but in no way excluding folks from
17 participating in the meetings, understanding what's
18 going on, and being given an opportunity to present a
19 perspective as we go through these topics.

20 So in the back?

21 MR. GRUNKEMEYER: Hi, Brian Grunkemeyer.

22 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Brian.

23 MR. GRUNKEMEYER: I had a speculative
24 question for you. If in a year we end up with a clean
25 fuel standard, would this work group expand to include

1 that or would that be a separate group of people? There
2 is some overlap in terms of how some of that may work,
3 and we may need people with a multistate perspective in
4 there. Is this the work group?

5 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: So at this
6 perspective -- I mean, at this point, we are convening
7 this group to address the specific statutory direction
8 that we were given by the legislature. I can't predict
9 what might happen during the next session and whether
10 this focus might be expanded. So from my perspective at
11 this point, we're focusing on what is in the legislative
12 direction to us at this time, but I think the
13 discussions that we will have might be pertinent to
14 whatever might come later.

15 MR. BLACKMON: I agree with that.

16 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Any -- okay, Nicole.

17 MS. HUGHES: Sorry, just got a note from
18 people on the phone that they would like an opportunity
19 to make suggestions as well.

20 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Can we unlock
21 the -- do we have it muted or able to bring folks in
22 from calling in? We may need a minute until we get
23 someone from records to come in and help us with this.
24 In the meantime, Chair Danner has a comment.

25 CHAIRMAN DANNER: I have to go off to a 2

1 o'clock meeting, so I'll make it now and come back. But
2 I just -- I just want to comment that what the
3 legislature envisions is this is a group that's going to
4 be having discussions. And I think because you want to
5 have a work group of a certain size, it means a lot of
6 folks who are in the room and others will not actually
7 be sitting at the table, but we need to -- to make sure
8 that what we put together is a work group that is going
9 to be able to consider and hear all of those ideas.

10 And so this isn't intended that the work
11 group members will necessarily be representing folks --
12 I mean, they're going to be speaking for the folks who
13 are not actually on work group and -- and others will
14 have the opportunity to -- to participate. In addition,
15 because we're required to do rules, those rules
16 themselves will have to go through an APA process. So
17 everybody in -- who wants to participate in the
18 rulemaking will be given equal standing in that process.

19 So those are my comments, and I will see you
20 in a half an hour.

21 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you, Chair
22 Danner. And I think that's an important note, going
23 back to the statute, there are actually three
24 subsections to Section 13, and the third requires the
25 Department and the Commission to adopt rules by June

1 30th of 2022. And so the way Glenn and I, in talking
2 through this, envision this work group, there is no
3 requirement that the work group --

4 MR. YOURKOWSKI: This is Cameron. I'm
5 texting Nicole again.

6 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: It looks -- it looks
7 like we've unmuted, so we will get to you in just a
8 moment. Hi, Cameron.

9 But we will -- this work group does not have
10 the responsibility of submitting a report to the
11 legislature, there's no requirement for the agencies to
12 report the legislature, but the group is intended to
13 assist agencies as we get ready to develop our rules.
14 So as we envision this, and Glenn can agree or not or
15 add on, that we would hope that after going through some
16 baseline understanding of all the members of the group
17 through some educational sessions and then maybe doing
18 some discussion about what exactly are the -- is the
19 problem or the problems that this group is looking to
20 discuss, coming up with some findings or recommendations
21 or suggestions for the agencies as we go into our
22 rulemaking.

23 So that is -- that is the purpose of the
24 work group. And so maybe before -- after we go to folks
25 on the -- on the bridge line to talk about membership,

1 we will then merge into the purpose and the function of
2 the work group.

3 Glenn, anything?

4 MR. BLACKMON: Nothing to add. That was
5 good. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. So, Cameron,
7 sounds like you have something to add?

8 MR. YOURKOWSKI: Hi, this is Cameron
9 Yourkowski with EDP Renewables. Thank you for the
10 opportunity to participate remotely. Most of my
11 comments in terms of participants have already been
12 covered by folks in the room, so I appreciate that. I
13 am particularly interested in the idea of having some
14 sort of a facilitator, whether that's a third-party
15 person or someone from the State to help manage the
16 process a little bit and keep the group on task. I
17 think that would be important for success. And those
18 are all my comments at the moment. I think there are
19 some others on the phone who might want to identify
20 themselves.

21 MR. BLACKMON: Okay. Thanks, Cameron. And
22 so if there's someone else on the phone who wants to
23 step up, go ahead and do that now.

24 MS. MORACAS: Kate Moracas here from Western
25 Grid Group, and I appreciate the opportunity to talk

1 remotely with you as well. I also appreciate very much,
2 Commissioner Rendahl, your -- your idea about being sure
3 to include environmental justice and equity
4 organizations. I think that rather than -- than having
5 that be one of the three public interest positions, I
6 personally think it would be important to -- to specify
7 that as a technical or subject matter expertise in
8 particular.

9 And I -- I really appreciate Lisa's comment
10 about consumer advocates as well, but I also think they
11 are different than public interest organization
12 representatives. The environmental groups in Washington
13 have many, many citizens who are active in 350.org and
14 climate solutions and -- or sorry, Citizens' Climate
15 Lobby and other organizations. So I think that it's --
16 it's worth making that distinction.

17 MR. BLACKMON: Thank you.

18 Was there anyone else on the phone who
19 wanted to comment?

20 MS. RISE: Yes, hello. This is Britton Rise
21 with the Northwest Energy Efficiency Council, and I'm
22 attending remotely today on behalf of Kerry Meade, who
23 is at the power council conservation advisory committee
24 meeting, so thank you for the opportunity to speak
25 remotely. I just wanted to say that we would be

1 interested in having a position in the work group as
2 well and appreciate the comments made by everyone else.

3 MR. BLACKMON: Thank you.

4 Others on the phone? Okay. Well, good. I
5 think I would like to talk for a minute about the -- the
6 question around a facilitator or, you know, some sort of
7 support that might be required for the task force -- for
8 the work group that Cameron brought up. The -- I would
9 have to say that, at least on behalf of Department of
10 Commerce, that we envision this as being a work group
11 that will be able to take care of itself. I mean, we
12 want to come to the meetings and hear your discussions
13 and things like that too, but for us at least the
14 decision to, you know, trigger this provision a little
15 earlier than we might otherwise have was in part based
16 on the idea that the people who are asking for that
17 early action would be prepared to step up and organize
18 their work themselves. So just in terms of the way
19 we're thinking about this, we hope you'll factor that in
20 as -- as you think about how this group is put together
21 and managed.

22 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: And I -- this is Ann.
23 I guess I would echo that. Obviously the two agencies
24 will help facilitate the meetings being scheduled and
25 find locations for them to be held either here or at

1 Commission or another public location and help with the
2 noticing and -- but we would hope that the work group,
3 once formed and deciding who the chair or cochairs will
4 be, will use their resources as well to bring in
5 speakers and help figure out who those speakers will be
6 and help facilitate those meetings. We're hoping that
7 the chair or cochair, whoever those members are who are
8 chosen, will really do quite a lot of work.

9 We weren't anticipating initiating this work
10 quite so early but understood there was quite a lot of
11 interest in it. Both agencies are pretty much tapped
12 out at the moment in terms of our -- our resources. And
13 so we do also have an interest in kicking this off and
14 getting this going, but we are going to, for lack of a
15 better word, lean on those members who are the work
16 group members to really help organize and manage the
17 work. We will assist in organizing the meetings and
18 getting the sessions set up and, you know, much as we
19 are today, but probably after this meeting, we will not
20 be leading these meetings.

21 And so that -- I guess I throw that out to
22 those who are here to get their sense. And we also do
23 not have the financial resources to hire a consultant to
24 be the facilitator. So that is another issue just
25 frankly from the State perspective right now. We just

1 don't have that -- we don't have that financial capacity
2 to do that. So that's maybe something for discussion.

3 MR. HILL: This is Nate with Puget. I would
4 just say that we'd be happy to offer some resources to
5 help administer meetings and schedule folks. Happy to
6 work with others to do that as well, but...

7 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. So any other
8 thoughts about membership? I appreciate all the
9 thoughts we've gotten. It's consistent with, I think,
10 what Steve and Deborah and Glenn and I have been
11 thinking. None of this is really a surprise to any of
12 us. And, again, our thinking would be I think it's more
13 easy to identify who the electric companies are and the
14 gas companies and BPA. It's less easy for us to
15 identify as a group who the environmental organizations
16 and public interest organizations and others.

17 So specifically for electric companies,
18 again, we would expect three representatives to be
19 identified by the investor-owned utilities by November
20 7th and three identified by the consumer-owned
21 utility -- utilities by November 7th.

22 BPA, obviously I understand, Tom, you are --
23 you are the BPA representative. Thank you. You're
24 good. We got one.

25 And the -- and the gas companies identifying

1 who their member would be, and then I guess
2 environmental organizations, that might be a little bit
3 more self-identifying. If you can coordinate amongst
4 yourselves.

5 And then, again, those who believe that
6 there should be a member of the group such as Western
7 Power Trading Forum and other organizations we've heard
8 from, please submit those to the Commission, and we'll
9 send out a notice that gives you the information of how
10 you're going to do that. Between Commerce and the
11 Commission, we'll send out a notice so you can send that
12 in.

13 If there's any questions or any action that
14 the agencies need to take to make a decision, we will do
15 so, but we appreciate all of your input on the
16 membership. Anything further on that before we move on?
17 Okay.

18 MR. BLACKMON: So the next thing -- this is
19 Glenn Blackmon. The next thing on our agenda is talk
20 some about the -- the future agendas, you know, the
21 topics of the approaches that the work group might take
22 as it -- as it goes through this process. And in our
23 discussions that we've had both between the two agencies
24 and also with some of the -- the stakeholders, it has
25 seemed to us that there's a good bit of work that would

1 be helpful to undertake in -- in terms of educating
2 ourselves about the kind of the -- the constraints or
3 the way the markets operate. We've heard this from
4 several of you today, in fact, about that -- that need
5 to build a stronger base of understanding about the way
6 electricity and carbon markets operate and what the
7 constraints are that we need to try to -- to work on are
8 the things that maybe the -- or the markets need to
9 change in order to accommodate State policy requirements
10 or perhaps vice versa. Though I do have to say I put
11 more hope in the first category, how markets can change
12 to accommodate State policy than I do on the -- the
13 opposite of that.

14 So we wanted to spend some time, then,
15 talking about potential topics for the work group to --
16 might put together in a way of that kind of educational
17 baseline for ourselves. So if we have ideas on that,
18 now would be the time to bring them up. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Colin has a --
20 has a thought.

21 MR. CROWLEY: Thank you, Commissioner. So I
22 was thinking of four different topics for consideration.
23 First one being understanding how organized markets
24 optimize all-in cost, which includes energy ancillary
25 services in carbon or -- or GHC cost.

1 Second topic would be understanding the
2 extent to which organized markets can help integrate
3 renewables and achieve clean energy goals across the
4 West including the CETA goals.

5 Third would be benefits of including GHC
6 costs and generation dispatch.

7 And then the fourth would be double counting
8 the perspectives for nonpower attributes.

9 And in terms of potential speakers, I'm sure
10 that CISO would be willing to -- to cover the first two
11 topics, and I know that there is a EDM work group
12 working on the GHG work stream, so that might be -- a
13 report out from that work group might be a
14 consideration.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Thank you. So
16 EDM for those who are not -- who are the uninitiated is
17 the extended day-ahead market that is being in- --
18 investigated by a number of the energy imbalance market
19 entities currently involved in the market looking at
20 extending the -- what is currently a realtime market
21 into a day-ahead markets for those [inaudible].

22 So, Colin, do you think -- we were thinking
23 it might be good to start a little bit higher level at
24 the beginning. Those are really good topics, and I
25 think those will be useful maybe as a second level, but

1 for those of you who may have participated in the -- the
2 Senate Energy, Environment and Technology work session
3 put on in September, maybe beginning with something
4 about that level for some of the participants and some
5 of those who may be new to energy, new to energy markets
6 in general. Thoughts on -- on that?

7 Mary?

8 MS. WIENCKE: So this is -- this is Mary
9 Wiencke. I definitely agree with the -- the topics that
10 Colin raised, but I also agree with you, Commissioner
11 Rendahl. I think starting up a level with, you know,
12 what is the difference between a bilateral market and an
13 organized market, how is EIM different from the
14 bilateral market, you know, really kind of even a --
15 even a higher level sort of 101 look at how energy
16 markets work I think would be really helpful.

17 Talking about the different participants and
18 the different positions that people -- that market
19 participants are in the market, I think also would be
20 good for people to understand what's the difference
21 between a utility and an IPP and a -- you know,
22 different types of -- and a marketer, different types of
23 market participants.

24 One thing that I'd also say too is that what
25 I have found is that there are -- in -- in many cases

1 there's sort of market people and environmental policy
2 people, and they don't always communicate with one
3 another even -- even inside a single organization. So I
4 actually think having education on markets is really
5 good, but we should also have education on environmental
6 policy for market people so there can be a greater sort
7 of common understanding. And -- and I think that the
8 education on environmental policy gets into some of the
9 nitty-gritty of how are the entities who are subject to
10 the regulation expected to comply. Because I think you
11 need to get to that level of understanding in order to
12 really define the problem and -- and work towards
13 finding the right recommendations or solutions or
14 whatever this work group is ultimately able to come up
15 with.

16 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you. I think
17 that's a really good perspective.

18 Other thoughts on education? We have a mic?
19 All right. Up here in the front. Gentleman from
20 Powerex.

21 MR. CAMPBELL: I think it -- it -- I'm not
22 sure if this is -- this might be in between the double
23 counting issue and Mary's high level suggestion about
24 education, but some discussion about what's possible
25 through environmental attribute tracking systems I think

1 would be very helpful. So what are they for, what do
2 they do, how do they work in other markets, how do they
3 work now, in the West, what's possible to use them, what
4 could they -- what could that be used for, and maybe
5 that's somebody from Regis that could come along from
6 that. There's also a variety of pretty functional
7 environmental attribute tracking systems in other
8 markets. So we should at least understand what the
9 possible tools are.

10 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you. That's
11 really helpful.

12 Dave?

13 MR. WARREN: So I guess I'm going to walk it
14 back a step and to say it seems to me that we need to
15 sort of break down CETA and get a common understanding
16 of what compliance instruments will be created and
17 needed to comply with CETA and then how do those
18 instruments fit into outside markets and how do we
19 integrate those. Because I'm not sure yet that we have
20 a common understanding of what compliance instruments
21 would be available or need to be created until we get a
22 little further along in CETA, but that's one thought
23 that's sort of a 101, who are -- what exactly
24 instruments do we need and will be creating and -- and
25 how do those play into existing Western markets.

1 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Thank you.

2 Good perspective.

3 Any other topics?

4 MS. HAMPTON: Ann, can I -- I agree with the
5 other comments that have been made. I think in the
6 spirit of admissions accounting and what can be done, I
7 think we need -- or I think what was mentioned was
8 attribute accounting, I think we need to think about
9 admissions accounting. Kind of three categories;
10 admissions accounting, attribute accounting, and then
11 also really just the -- the power transactions and
12 what's actually happening and dispatch and
13 optimizations.

14 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you, Therese.

15 MS. HALL: Yeah, I mean, just building on
16 some of what folks have already said I think --

17 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I'm not sure your
18 microphone is on. Sorry.

19 MS. HALL: Can you guys hear me? Building
20 on that, having --

21 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I'm sorry, Kelly,
22 Kelly from --

23 MS. HALL: Kelly Hall from Climate
24 Solutions. Having a really good idea of what is going
25 on in existing markets, so, for example, with

1 California, how attributes are being tracked and how
2 that interacts with the cap and trade, I think that's
3 been referenced here, but just having really good
4 understanding of what the problem actually is that we're
5 trying to solve with this work group.

6 And then the gentleman up here mentioned,
7 you know, double counting. Understanding I think
8 someone from CRS or someone that has a really good
9 understanding of how attributes are tracked or Regis and
10 what the issues of double counting are that we're also
11 trying to address.

12 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you. That's
13 very helpful.

14 And, Nicole?

15 MS. HUGHES: I know there's a few other
16 states that are undergoing similar activities right now.
17 Colorado's Public Service Commission is -- has a docket
18 open on market attributes in the West and looking at
19 expanding Western markets. I know that Northwest Power
20 Pool is looking at setting -- establishing resource
21 adequacy standards. I think it would be good to keep
22 track of other discussions that are going on in the West
23 if the implication of what comes out of this may lead to
24 more coordination throughout the West.

25 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: So I'm hearing that

1 once we sort of do some 101 discussions both on markets
2 and on environmental attributes and -- and regulation
3 going a little deeper as to how these -- how these
4 things work, dispatch and interactions as well as
5 tracking and compliance, but then going to a more
6 Western look as to what's going on in other states and
7 maybe what the standards are in different states.

8 Washington is just one state who has specific
9 regulations, other states may have different
10 regulations. So would be useful to collect that
11 bringing in folks from the California SO, maybe folks
12 from California Air Resources Board, Regis, other
13 tracking organizations around the country, Western
14 Climate Initiative doing the -- the work with the CARB.

15 So that's what I've heard. Is there
16 anything I may have missed or additional topics people
17 think need to be included? This is just an initial set
18 for us to think about. Obviously when the markets
19 work -- markets work group get started, it's up to the
20 work group members to decide where else this goes, but I
21 think we're just trying to get a sense of how to
22 structure this at the very beginning.

23 Therese?

24 MS. HAMPTON: Thank you. This is not a
25 question about educational sessions, but maybe a bigger

1 question about timelines. So you started with the --
2 the legislation says rulemaking June of 2022, and then
3 actually Colin mentioned an extension of the day-ahead
4 market and that they're going to be looking at GHC as
5 well. I -- I think it's important for the work group to
6 consider maybe what it addresses and in -- and what time
7 order in the event that there's some connection between
8 what the work group might be talking about in developing
9 its problem statements that could be helpful to the
10 extension of the day-ahead market conversations on GHC.

11 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. So I guess --
12 that -- that's a really good point. So tracking sort of
13 forward and backward. Again, we will identify members
14 of the work group on November 15th and then reaching out
15 to those members, figure out the timing of the first
16 meeting and location. At that point, it will be
17 somewhat up to the members of the work group to figure
18 out their schedule, how often they want to meet, where
19 they want to meet, and start figuring out the topics,
20 the educational topics, that they want to first discuss
21 and then what their timeline is in terms of finishing up
22 educational discussions. And then getting to more
23 discussions about what is the problem now that we have a
24 basic understanding, what are the problems -- the
25 problem or problems we need to look at to assist with

1 agencies and their -- and their rulemaking efforts. And
2 then going to the point of what -- maybe what
3 recommendations or findings the group might have to
4 assist us when we are looking at how to integrate the
5 legislation with markets and carbon markets.

6 So -- so that -- some of this is we're
7 trying to get a sense, give people an idea of what might
8 be involved in this work group, both as -- both as
9 education and discussion amongst one another. And so
10 the timing to some degree I think will be determined by
11 the work group if that makes sense. That's how I see
12 it.

13 MR. BLACKMON: Makes sense to me too.
14 Sorry.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Clare?

16 MS. BREIDENICH: I actually want to --
17 thinking through that conversation and where this work
18 group is going, I actually wanted to jump back to the
19 previous conversation and the brief discussion we had
20 about cochairs. The more I thought -- I think about
21 this and if you -- if you want this work group I was
22 going to say self -- but if you wanted them to manage
23 themselves and not have to babysit them, I think a
24 cochair designation would be extremely useful. And
25 the -- and the two obvious ones to me would be a member

1 of the utility and a member from the environmental
2 community.

3 I think if you can get a strong rep from
4 both those organizations and they can agree, the rest of
5 us will probably be very happy with what they come up
6 with. And that I think would be very useful if down --
7 you know, if down the road this group needs to be in a
8 position to make recommendations or findings to the
9 agencies, hopefully those two individuals will take it
10 upon themselves to make sure that their respective
11 broader constituencies are happy with what's in those
12 findings. So I just wanted to put that out there. I
13 thought it would be -- might be useful if we go out of
14 this meeting today with an idea that that would be a
15 good, working structure.

16 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you.

17 Any other thoughts on that particular topic?
18 Again, we are not -- Commerce and UTC are not driving
19 this work other than to convene it. We understand that
20 is our -- that is our role in convening and really hope
21 to get the perspective from all the various entities
22 that would be involved in the work group to help us as
23 we go forward with our work. That's really our goal
24 here is to make sure we get the best and most diverse
25 and most -- and all the perspectives that are out there

1 to get to the best solution when we get to rulemaking.

2 MR. BLACKMON: If there are other thoughts
3 on that cochair structure, I think it would be good to
4 hear those right now just to help move this along.

5 Nicole?

6 MS. HUGHES: I'd like to ask a question.
7 Are you anticipating that the work group will be formed
8 and then the work group will decide cochair, chair?

9 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Nods from both of us,
10 yes.

11 MR. BLACKMON: Yeah, but I mean, we're also
12 open to suggestions on that, but at least if the work
13 group could figure out its cochairs, then that would be
14 better.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Any other thoughts on
16 organization, structure, topics? Obviously this is just
17 sort of brainstorming and helping us as we work to set
18 up this meeting and work up -- set up this initial work
19 group and their initial meeting. We do appreciate all
20 the interest. We really understand this is of great
21 importance to many people here in the room and on the
22 line. We also think it's very important. So we want to
23 make sure we have the best work group, the most
24 representative and inclusive work group to make sure all
25 the perspectives are gained.

1 So anybody -- anybody on the line, on the
2 phone line who has a -- thoughts on what we've been
3 talking about, your lines are open.

4 MR. BLACKMON: Colin, did you have a
5 comment?

6 MR. CROWLEY: I did. So is the thinking
7 that the chair and cochair might be kind of sort of a
8 steering committee and that the working group is a
9 technical work group, is that -- is that in line with
10 what --

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: No.

12 MR. CROWLEY: No?

13 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I hear a "no" on
14 the -- on the speakers from the line. I was not
15 envisioning them being sort of the steering committee.
16 I was envisioning them really being facilitators or
17 coordinators helping to -- helping the group to come
18 together and help make the group function much as any
19 chair or cochair of any committee would. That's really
20 my vision of this.

21 MR. BLACKMON: Yep, and I think the idea
22 that's in front of us here is that two people who are
23 cochairs and would, you know, be the leadership of the
24 work group, and they would hand the microphone awkwardly
25 back and forth the way Commissioner Rendahl and I are

1 doing today.

2 MS. BOSH: Can I -- this is Joni Bosh from
3 Northwest Energy Coalition. Just to comment on a
4 question. I -- I think we agree with what Commissioner
5 Rendahl just described as the function of the two
6 cochairs and agree with Glenn they'll be passing the
7 microphone back and forth.

8 Another question is between now and the time
9 this committee kicks off, if we have further thoughts
10 that come out of this -- from this meeting, do we submit
11 them to you as the current two facilitators or who do we
12 send our -- any questions that might come up? Who
13 receives those?

14 MR. BLACKMON: This is Glenn Blackmon, and I
15 think that between now and November 7th, we -- we're
16 willing to hear whatever sort of comments or suggestions
17 you have. Whether that's about the composition of the
18 work group or the, you know, ideas about its, you
19 know -- how it should operate its -- once it's convened.
20 Obviously, the -- you know, some of those are going to
21 be more for the benefit of the work group itself and so
22 there'd be less need for immediate comments on -- on
23 that. But -- but, you know, it's public process, so if
24 you have comments, send them in.

25 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: So as I mentioned

1 earlier, we'll issue a notice after this meeting for
2 those who were here and also those who weren't here
3 identifying November 7th as the date for nominations for
4 the work group and identify the various numbers and
5 groupings that we have mentioned here. And if there are
6 any -- and we can also summarize the educational topics
7 that were discussed here, and if there are further
8 thoughts on both the way the work group would function
9 and the educational topics, we'll put those together.
10 But we imagine once the work group is formed in the
11 first meeting, those discussions about the function of
12 the work group and the topics are really the subject of
13 the work group then to decide how they want to take on.

14 Clare?

15 Sorry, Joni, did you have something else?

16 MS. BOSH: No, just thank you for that
17 clarification.

18 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Clare?

19 MS. BREIDENICH: I just want to come back
20 again. I completely agree with how you've laid it out
21 and the idea that, you know, assuming that there is an
22 agreement to go forward with cochairs in the capacity
23 that you discussed, that once the group is convened and
24 constituted that they would take charge of kind of
25 designing the agenda and the topics going forward. But

1 I'd hate to see us lose the first meeting being just an
2 organizational meeting.

3 So I'd hope that this group here and on the
4 phone is comfortable with giving you guys, as the
5 current facilitators, some discretion to pick a topic,
6 for instance, want to jump into educational sessions at
7 the very first meeting so that we can spend a little bit
8 of time doing whatever -- so the work group could spend
9 whatever time it needs to do the organizational stuff, a
10 bit of that, but not have to repeat this conversation,
11 and then could get into some of the substance of
12 whatever, you know, if it's starting with energy
13 markets, if that's a good place to start, so that we
14 don't, again, go around on organizational issues.

15 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Very good suggestion.
16 I think starting with some sort of basics on the markets
17 as Mary had discussed who are the participants,
18 bilateral, organized, EIM, just kind of hitting some of
19 the touch points that were covered at the Senate work
20 group I think would be a good place to start for those
21 people who are not as familiar with markets.

22 Again, we will help facilitate that first
23 meeting to get going, help with the location, help with
24 things such as audio and any visuals that need to be.
25 But again, at that point we will take our cue from the

1 market's work group and the cochairs as to what they
2 need going forward, and we will help facilitate that
3 administrative part of the work for the work group, but
4 will not be members and will not be directing the
5 function of the work group.

6 Any other thoughts from folks on the bridge
7 line or in the -- folks not at the table, folks at the
8 table, any other topics that you think we ought to talk
9 about that we haven't covered yet? If you could mute
10 your line if you're on the bridge line if you're not
11 going to speak.

12 Otherwise, I'm not seeing any hands shoot
13 up. We do have an opportunity for public comments.
14 We've kind of identified what our focus is sending out a
15 notice identifying the November 7th date for nominations
16 and that November 15 date for -- for identifying the
17 work group and working beyond that. Anything else that
18 you all think we need to discuss? There's a hand right
19 there. Microphone is coming.

20 MR. MCISAAC: Hi, this is Clark McIsaac,
21 Snohomish County PUD. I just have a quick clarifying
22 question. Will a member on the chair -- or both a chair
23 or a cochair count as one of the representatives from
24 the designated group?

25 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: I think yes, that

1 would be my thinking. I'm not -- I'm -- any thoughts on
2 that, people have concerns or issues with that?

3 MR. BLACKMON: That's certainly what we've
4 been thinking was that, among the task force of work
5 group members, that one or two of them would be
6 designated as the -- the chair or it sounds like really
7 cochairs is where we're at right now.

8 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Any --
9 anything else? Any hand up from the group? Anybody
10 around the table?

11 Okay. I think we have concluded what we had
12 on our agenda for discussion. So happy to have so many
13 people here and interested, either here or on the phone
14 line. And one more comment maybe from Powerex here in
15 the front.

16 MR. CAMPBELL: I just wanted to offer, as
17 you're thinking about the next session regardless of who
18 ends up on the working group, we actually have generated
19 quite a few of these, how do the energy markets work,
20 presentations, and would be happy to come in and give
21 one -- in terms of bilateral wholesale markets and
22 organized markets, if that would be helpful. If you can
23 just take that into consideration.

24 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Thank you.
25 Appreciate any and all offers.

1 So those of you who are here and -- and may
2 have such presentations to offer, please let Glenn,
3 myself, Steve, and Deborah know, and we will bring those
4 to the attention of the work group.

5 Lisa Gafken.

6 MS. GAFKEN: Thank you. Lisa Gafken, Public
7 Counsel. I wanted to go back to the idea of
8 participation, not necessarily being a member of the
9 group, but what does that participation look like. I
10 heard a couple of things that I think might be
11 contradictory, and I don't think there was any intent to
12 be contradictory. But I guess I just want to explore
13 that a little bit. Are you envisioning participation as
14 being, you know, the ability to come to the meetings and
15 listen or the ability to come to the meetings, listen,
16 and contribute or some combination of that?

17 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: So I'll speak for
18 myself and then pass this to Glenn. I envision coming
19 to the meetings, listen, and then have an opportunity --
20 that the work group meetings would have an opportunity
21 for public comments or for questions. I think that
22 would be most helpful, so that is my perspective.

23 MR. BLACKMON: I also imagine that the work
24 group meetings would be interactive. You know, there's
25 18 spots at this little table right here right now, and

1 so that's, you know, roughly the size of the work group.
2 But then there's a lot of other people in the room who
3 today have had an opportunity to -- to participate in
4 the discussions. And my hope would be that work group
5 meetings have that same sort of opportunity for
6 participation.

7 MS. GAFKEN: Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER RENDAHL: Okay. Any other --
9 any further questions, comments, concerns?

10 All right. At this point, I think we will
11 adjourn this -- this session. Thank you all very much
12 for coming and calling in and being here and
13 participating, and we look forward to hearing your
14 interest in the work group. Thanks.

15 (Adjourned at 2:40 p.m.)

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