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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Due by April 20, 2007)**

Re: *Rules to implement the Energy Independence Act*
Docket UE-061895

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 26, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) held a stakeholder workshop concerning initial draft rules to implement the Energy Independence Act, RCW 19.285. Due to the comments received at the workshop, it is apparent that the initial draft rules would benefit from additional public comment. The initial draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/061895>. The Commission will send a paper copy of the initial draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if requested.

The Commission is considering how best to address the regulatory issues associated with implementing the Energy Independence Act. To that end, the Commission specifically solicits respondents to identify, and to assign to one of three categories, all regulatory issues the respondent desires the Commission to consider in this rulemaking. The three categories are:

1. Regulatory issues best dealt with in adjudications or other fact specific decision making processes;
2. Regulatory issues best dealt with in rules but that do not need immediate Commission action; and
3. Regulatory issues for which near term Commission action is needed so that utilities may properly implement the statute.

The Commission requests that interested parties compare items included in this third category – regulatory issues needing immediate resolution – with the initial draft rules. The Commission requests the commenter to provide suggested rule modifications to ensure that the initial draft rules address all the regulatory issues included in the third category. The Commission also seeks suggested language changes to eliminate from the initial draft rules any regulatory issue the respondent would assign to the first or second category. Finally, the Commission requests that interested parties review and comment on the draft processes that a utility would follow to establish a conservation target and to demonstrate compliance with the conservation and renewable resource targets.

The rulemaking schedule has been revised to reflect this additional round of comments. The revised schedule is as follows:

April 20, 2007	Written comments due
April/May	Review comments – Continued Stakeholder dialogue
Late May	Possible Additional Public Workshop
July 5, 2007	File CR-102
August 6, 2007	CR-102 written comments due
September 26, 2007	Adoption Hearing

Electronic copies: The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-061895).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

You may also submit comments electronically by mailing or delivering an electronic copy on a CD or 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format and in .doc MSWord 97 or later. Include all the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/061895>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact Nicolas Garcia at ngarcia@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1346.

The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will be provided to you individually if you request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may either: (1) submit a written request; (2) call the Commission's records center at (360) 664-1234; or (3) e-mail the Commission at records@wutc.wa.gov. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UE-061895.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary