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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC
IMPACT STATEMENT (SBEIS) QUESTIONNAIRE
(Due by Thursday, July 26, 2018)**

Re: Community Solar Company Rulemaking,
Docket UE-171033

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has prepared a set of draft rules governing community solar companies and projects to implement the provisions of ESSB 5939 applicable to the Commission, codified in RCW 80.28.370 and 375. The draft rules are posted on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/171033>.

Responses to SBEIS Questionnaire. The Commission requests that companies that would be subject to, or otherwise affected by, the draft rules provide information concerning whether those rules would impose any costs on the company. The cost information such companies provide concerning these draft rules will assist the Commission in determining whether a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) is required, and if so, to assess the possible costs of the rules.

Washington's Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW, is intended to focus an agency's attention on the economic impact of proposed rules on affected businesses, involve affected businesses in developing rules, and minimize any disproportionate impact of the rules on small businesses.

Before adopting a rule that will impose more than minor costs on an industry, the Commission must analyze the compliance costs for **both large and small** businesses (including lost sales or revenue), involve small businesses in the development of the rule, take feasible steps to reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses, and prepare an SBEIS. A "small business" is any profit-making entity that has 50 or fewer employees.

The Commission requests that affected companies submit to the Commission **no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday, July 26, 2018**, their analysis of whether the draft rules impose a cost impact

on their company. Please be sure to include the company name, company contact person, contact phone number and email address and the number of people the company employs. For each draft rule for which the company identifies a cost impact, please provide, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Identify the rule number, *i.e.*, WAC 480-xxx-1xx, of the draft proposed rule that the company identifies as having a cost impact;
2. Explain why there will be a cost impact on the company; and
3. Provide a detailed analysis of how the company calculated the cost impact of each draft rule the company identifies as having a cost impact.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250, responses to the SBEIS questionnaire must be submitted to the Commission in electronic format, specifically in .pdf format (using Adobe Acrobat or similar software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), commenters must submit those responses via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If a commenter is unable to submit documents via the portal, the commenter may submit them via 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 thumb drive, CD, or DVD. Please include:

- The docket numbers of this proceeding (Docket UE-171033).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all responses and other comments it receives concerning this rulemaking on its web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/171033>.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead Gregory Kopta at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary