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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Comments due by Thursday, July 26, 2018)

RE: Rulemaking regarding the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's jurisdiction and regulation of community solar companies, Docket UE-171033.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 18, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to implement Engrossed Substitute Senate Bill (ESSB) 5939, which became effective July 7, 2017. The Commission filed the CR-101 in Docket UE-171033.

On October 19, 2017, the Commission issued a notice of opportunity to file written comments regarding the Commission's broad rulemaking authority to adopt rules for community solar companies described in ESSB 5939. In addition, a workshop was set for January 10, 2018.

On December 22, 2017, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to File Comments on informal draft rules, and rescheduled the workshop to March 6, 2018.

Commission staff considered stakeholder comments provided in writing and during the workshop, and developed draft rules that will establish community solar companies' responsibilities for:

- annual registration with the Commission before engaging in business in Washington State or applying for certification from the Washington State University extension energy program;
- complying with consumer protection rules;
- annual reporting requirements; and
- collection of an annual registration fee and regulatory fees.

The draft rules are available for review on the Commission's website at:
www.utc.wa.gov/171033.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the draft rules must be filed with the Commission no later than 5p.m., on July 26, 2018. 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. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

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

An alternative method for submitting comments is mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a thumb drive, CD, or DVD in .pdf format (created using Adobe Acrobat or comparable software) or in Microsoft Word. Include all of 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 www.utc.wa.gov/171033.

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

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