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March 23, 2022

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON DRAFT RULES
(By 5 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022)

And

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Friday, May 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Relating to Electricity Markets and Compliance with the Clean Energy Transformation Act, Docket UE-210183

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposes to update its Planning rules in chapter WAC 480-100-600 through -665 as required to satisfy RCW 19.405.130(3) and to interpret and implement the meaning of the term “use” in RCW 19.405.040 and 19.405.050 of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA). The Commission provides interested persons with the opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m., on Friday, May 6, 2022. On April 5, 2021, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to promulgate new rules to implement certain sections of the Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA).¹ The Commission filed the CR-101 in Docket UE-210183.

On March 22, 2022, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser at WSR 22-07-100. The Commission has reviewed comments on the draft rules from stakeholders and now proposes rules for adoption subject to review and comment by interested persons. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the

¹ See Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments, May 3, 2021, Docket UE-210183.

Commission's website at www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2021/210183/docsets. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

QUESTION

The proposed rules recognize that a utility's dispatch decisions of its owned, contracted, or controlled generation are driven by economic optimization with respect to market conditions. To better understand the value of such economic dispatch, the Commission requests interested persons respond to the following question:

1. Washington state utilities with hydroelectricity generation will, to the extent the hydroelectric generation resource has the pondage or coordinated dispatch with other hydroelectric generation facilities, purchase off system power during lower load or lower price time periods to meet their load obligations and in turn use the reserved water in hydroelectric generation facilities to facilitate peak hour or peak price off system power sales, including, at times, electricity from their own hydroelectric generation facilities. The Commission requests commenters explain the frequency, magnitude, economic significance, and contribution to reliability of this market driven dispatch to the utility and Washington state's load service.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons may submit written comments in response to this question and the proposed rules no later than **5 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022**.

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

Comment submissions should include:

- The docket numbers of these proceedings (Docket UE-210183).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2021/210183.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document via mail.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact Staff lead Steve Johnson at (360) 481-1573, or by email at steven.johnson@utc.wa.gov.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of the opportunity to virtually attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption on Friday, May 6, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. This public hearing will be virtual.

To attend by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 999 7365 9661# and the Passcode: 317768. To participate via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: <https://utc-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/99973659661?pwd=VVJ3a2pkZnNhWnlNTCtHWmRkeVBUUT09>.

Questions? If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Steve Johnson. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by email at steve.johnson@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 481-1573.

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