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**NOTICE OF 2019-2022 ENERGY  
LEGISLATION IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**and**

**NOTICE CLOSING DOCKET**

Re: Investigation into initiating the processes for implementation of energy legislation passed in the 2019 legislative session, Docket U-190485.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 5, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated this proceeding to consider the processes for implementation of energy legislation passed during the 2019 legislative session. The Commission issued a Notice of Workshop to consider stakeholder feedback on its draft implementation plan for all energy legislation passed in the 2019 Regular Session.<sup>1</sup> On July 30, 2019, the Commission held a workshop during which stakeholders provided the Commission with comments on the draft implementation plan.

We are grateful for the thoughtful consideration that stakeholders gave to the Commission's draft implementation plan. Based on the feedback received, we have made several changes to the implementation plan.<sup>2</sup> Specifically, we have:

- Moved the incremental cost calculation discussion to the beginning of the Clean Energy Implementation Plan rulemaking, which is scheduled to begin in the first quarter of 2020.
- Noted that the Clean Energy Implementation Plan rulemaking will address reporting requirements, compliance, and applicable penalty processes.
- Removed the words "if needed" from the equitable distribution of benefits discussion, where mentioned. The Commission expects that each rulemaking, policy statement, and any other Commission process will consider the equitable distribution of benefits and reductions

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<sup>1</sup> In a separate notice, the Commission sought written comments on Section 20 of E2SSB 5116. Please see Docket U-190531. Comments were filed August 5, 2019.

<sup>2</sup> The 2019-2022 Implementation Plan is attached to this Notice.

of burdens to vulnerable populations and highly impacted communities. The Commission is committed to participating in the other agency workgroups and rulemakings concerning the equitable distribution of benefits.

- Coordinated with the Department of Commerce to initiate the carbon and electricity markets discussion and rulemaking working group in the third quarter of 2019.
- Added a workshop on renewable natural gas, at a date to be determined in the near future.
- Moved the start date for the acquisition rulemaking to September 2019.
- Adjusted the start and end dates for the gas conservation and gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) rulemakings. The first conservation plans are due January 2022; therefore, these rulemakings will start by June 1, 2020, and end by June 1, 2021, to allow utilities time to respond to the requirements.
- Included projects that will be coordinated with other agencies, where the Commission is not the lead agency.

Please see the attached 2019-2022 Implementation Plan for more details. The Commission may revise the timing and scope of its rulemakings and proceedings based on changes in the Commission's workload, subsequent legislative changes, or other reasons. Please sign up for the Commission's clean energy implementation updates on our [website](#) to stay informed of changes.

Having considered stakeholder feedback on the Commission's draft implementation plan, and modified the plan accordingly, the Commission hereby closes this docket.

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