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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ISSUES

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Possible Corrections and Changes in Rules in
WAC 480-07, Relating to Procedural Rules, Docket A-130355

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 20, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible additions or modifications to certain sections in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07, the Commission's procedural rules.

The Commission issued notices on March 22, 2013, and April 16, 2013, identifying several areas in which the Commission's procedural rules in WAC 480-07 could be supplemented, improved, or clarified. The Commission received written comments from interested persons in response to these notices.

The Commission has scheduled a third stakeholder workshop for **November 14, 2013, beginning at 9:30 a.m., to discuss energy rate case and integrated resource plan procedures.** The Commission will consider the following:

- Procedures for filing and Commission review of Integrated Resource Plans, as required under WAC 480-100-238
- Possible revisions and additions to the Commission's Rules governing General Rate Proceedings, WAC 480-07-500 - 550
- Alternative dispute resolution procedures, including assignment of a settlement judge in major cases, mandatory mediation, and Commission review of settlement agreements in cases involving suspended tariffs

More specifically, the workshop will address the following questions:

1. Should the Commission establish by rule a mechanism by which investor-owned utilities may seek expedited treatment of a request for a rate increase that updates test period information on capital investments, revenues and expenses since the company's most recent general rate proceeding?
2. Should the Commission establish by rule ratemaking principles designed to reduce repetitive litigation such as uniform methods to determine:
 - a. capital structure
 - b. cost of equity
 - c. working capital
 - d. pro forma additions to rate base
 - e. funding for low-income assistance programs
 - f. rate spread
 - g. rate design
3. Should the Commission establish new requirements for information that must be pre-filed in rate case proceedings that will improve communications, reduce discovery, shorten proceedings, and enhance opportunities for early settlement?

If you have questions, you may contact the staff facilitator for this phase of the procedural rules rulemaking, Dennis J. Moss, at (360) 664-1164, dmoss@utc.wa.gov, or Greg Kopta, the staff lead for the full rulemaking, at (360) 664-1355, gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

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