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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULE  
(By Thursday, January 28, 2010)  
and  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(Set for Thursday, February 25, 2010, 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Smart Grid Technology Reporting – Rulemaking  
WAC 480-100-505, Docket U-090222

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible adoption of proposed WAC 480-100-505, which contains regulations requiring the reporting of smart grid technologies considered by electric utilities. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on February 25, 2010.

On December 23, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser regarding smart grid reporting rules. The Commission developed the proposed rule, WAC 480-100-505, with the benefit of substantial stakeholder advice and comment including initial written comments, one workshop, a round of comments on one suggested approach that evolved from the workshop and a round of written comments on a discussion draft.

This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rule to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Thursday, January 28, 2010. The proposed rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/090222](http://www.utc.wa.gov/090222). The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rule or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.**

**Electronic copies:** The Commission asks that you provide your comments 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](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (U-090222)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/090222>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rule at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, February 25, 2010. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may 1) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, 2) e-mail the Commission at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov), or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-090222 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

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, or by e-mail at [sjohnson@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sjohnson@utc.wa.gov) or by calling 360-664-1346.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary