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NOTICE TO STAKEHOLDERS

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

Dear Stakeholder,

You are receiving this letter because you are on the service list of docket U-190485, in which the Commission developed its plan to implement Clean Energy legislation signed into law on May 7, 2019. This letter is to inform you that Commission staff (Staff) has filed the attached petitions for temporary exemption from Commission rules related to integrated resource planning (IRP). If granted, these petitions would set the next IRP filing deadlines to January 4, 2021, for the draft IRPs, and April 1, 2021, for the final IRPs. Staff's goal is to ensure that this first planning cycle begins with IRPs that are compliant with the new legislation and forthcoming Commission rules. Staff requested the dates above because the new electric IRP rules will be complete by that time. These dates also allow the necessary elements from the IRPs to be incorporated into the first Clean Energy Implementation Plans, which are due before January 1, 2022. This is part of Staff's ongoing efforts to ensure that the new legislation is implemented quickly and efficiently.

The petitions request that the Commission consider the 2019 filings as progress reports rather than full IRPs, and therefore asks the Commission not to acknowledge them in a letter or hold a public hearing, as is the Commission's standard practice. This will allow all parties to focus on implementing new rules and legislation rather than investing resources in reviewing plans that will have limited applicability to future planning. These petitions will be heard at the Commission's regularly scheduled Open Meeting that will be held on November 7, 2019, at 9:30am at the UTC's office located at 621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., Lacey, Washington.

If you have any questions regarding this notification, please contact me at 360-664-1308.

Sincerely Yours,

Mark Vasconi
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