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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Comments due by 5:00 p.m., March 31, 2017)

RE: Notice of Opportunity to Comment on Draft Policy and Interpretive Statement Describing Commission Policy Related to Utility Investment in Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment pursuant to RCW 80.28.360 and Commission Regulation of Electric Vehicle Charging Services

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission has issued a Draft Policy and Interpretive Statement in this docket describing its proposed policies for implementing RCW 80.28.360¹ and its regulation of electric vehicle (EV) charging services offered by electrical companies as a regulated service.

To assist the Commission in determining whether to issue a final policy statement on these matters in this docket, the Commission requests that interested persons provide written comments in response to the draft policy statement. The Commission specifically requests comments addressing the following issues:

Portfolio Approach to EV Charging Services:

1. What is the definition of “Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment,” and how should the Commission consider ownership of EVSE as a factor to determine whether a utility serves as a “provider,” or “manager” of EV charging services?
2. What criteria should the Commission use to determine whether a portfolio is “balanced”?

Interoperability:

3. What specific policies should the Commission adopt regarding interoperability of utility-owned charging infrastructure? We expect that both the EVSE hardware developed by the manufacturers and the software and communications components to continue to advance and develop rapidly over time. Accordingly, how should the Commission ensure that EV owners are not locked in to a certain type of technology (either hardware or

¹ Effected by Washington Laws 2015, c 220 § 2. Effective June 24, 2015.

software) as the market develops, and what role should the Commission have in assuring some type of backend interoperability between the EVSE at the hosting site and the operator of the overall EVSE systems?

4. What policy mechanisms or standards are available to promote system-wide interoperability for drivers, such that EV drivers can charge any EV model and pay for the charge without joining a multitude of charging networks? Does the Commission have a role in overseeing the development of these standards or protocols, or should it provide guidance on the characteristics of an open EVSE system or a more common interoperable platform?

Stakeholder engagement:

5. The Commission requests feedback on its proposed policy allowing for a single joint stakeholder group to participate in review of utility EV charging service program design and review.

Written comments should be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 31, 2017**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, reduce the need for paper copies, and facilitate quotations from the submissions. Please submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Submissions must include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UE-160799).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Comments may also be submitted by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format or in Word 2010 or later, on a flash drive, DVD, or CD. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post all comments that are provided in electronic format on its website, at www.utc.wa.gov. Written comments (electronic or hard copies) should be addressed to Mr. Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

Questions concerning this investigation should be directed toward Legislative Director Lauren McCloy at lmccloy@utc.wa.gov or (360) 664-1209.

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