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PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INTENT
(RCW 34.05.310)

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Agency: WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

Subject of possible rulemaking: Amend WAC 480-100-251 relating to electric utility least-cost resource planning and amend chapter 480-107 WAC relating to competitive bidding for electric utility resources. Docket No. UE-940932.

(a) Specific statutory authority for new rule: RCW 80.01.040

(b) Reasons why the new rule is needed: Changes occurring in the structure of the electricity industry may require these rules be changed to preserve the public interest while adapting to greater competition in the electric industry.

(c) Goals of new rule: To determine procedures and requirements the Commission can use to protect the public interest while accommodating utility decisions and actions made necessary by a more competitive environment.

(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):
 Negotiated rule making Pilot rule making
 Agency study Other (describe)

Agency study (Notice of Inquiry) followed by workshops with regulated companies, consumer groups, environmental advocates, and other interested parties in which information and views are exchanged in an effort to reach consensus.

(e) How interested parties can participate in formulation of the new rule: Interested parties may contact Jeffrey Showman or Dick Byers, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Office of Policy Planning and Research, Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250; telephone numbers 206-586-1196 and 206-753-3006; fax number 206-586-1150. Written comments may be filed in the Commission's Notice of Inquiry, Docket No. UE-940932, not later than February 17, 1995. Interested parties may also attend and participate in workshops to be announced by written notice to all commentors asking to receive such notice in this docket and convened by the Commission during the Spring and early Summer of 1995. Copies of the Notice of Inquiry are available on request by writing to Steve McLellan, Secretary, at the address listed above. Copies of the Notice of Inquiry may be accessed on Internet via anonymous FTP. Connect to the host at FTP.GOV.T.WASHINGTON.EDU, cd to the directory: /wutc/noi/electric/. Get the file: ELECTRIC_NOI.TXT. Please note: The WUTC is NOT taking formal comments via the Internet.

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