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May 6, 2022

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Scheduled for May 27, 2022, at 10:00 am)

RE: Energy Decarbonization Impacts and Pathways, U-210553

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

In the 2021-23 Omnibus Operating Appropriations Act, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) received funding to “examine feasible and practical pathways for investor-owned electric and natural gas utilities to contribute their share to greenhouse gas emissions reductions as described in RCW 70A.45.020 [state law].”¹ As part of its examination, the Commission is directed to identify and consider the impacts of energy decarbonization on residential and commercial customers and electric and natural gas utilities. The results of the examination must be reported to the appropriate legislative committees by June 1, 2023.

The Commission has a contract with Sustainability Solutions Group (SSG) to model scenarios for reducing emissions from the electric and natural gas sectors and to support public engagement throughout the project. SSG will host an introductory meeting on the energy decarbonization pathways project on Friday, May 27th from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pacific Time. This meeting will introduce the consultant team and provide an overview of the project. The meeting will also inform participants about the current status of utility energy use and emissions in the state, the project timeline, and how participants can engage throughout the project to provide input and feedback.

Workshop Participation

Due to the limitations on in-person gatherings during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission will be holding the workshop virtually. Commission headquarters will not be open to the public for in-person participation. Interested persons may listen to the meeting via Zoom

¹ Senate Bill 5092, Sec. 143(4).

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by **calling 301-715-8592** and using **Meeting ID 821 4258 4577** with the **Passcode 820245**. To participate in the meeting using Zoom on a computer or mobile device, [click here to join the meeting](#). If you wish to be placed on the interested parties contact list, please submit your request to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

More Information

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

Further information on the energy decarbonization pathways project is available on the Commission's website: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/regulated-industries/utilities/energy/natural-gas-decarbonization>. If you have any questions, please contact Commission Policy Advisor Nora Hawkins at 360-664-1207, or by email at nora.hawkins@utc.wa.gov.

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