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SENT VIA WEB PORTAL

Kathy Hunter
Acting Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
621 Woodland Square Loop SE
Lacey, WA 98503

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Re: Relating to the Commission-led workshop series on the Climate Commitment Act,

Docket U-230161

Dear Acting Director Hunter:

The Public Counsel Unit of the Washington State Attorney General's Office (Public Counsel) respectfully submits this letter in light of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (Commission) Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments dated August 30, 2023 (Notice).

Since the Notice, the Commission has issued a rulemaking in this docket. Public Counsel looks forward to participating in the rulemaking process. Because implementation of the CCA involves multiple public agencies and raises a variety of complex and important questions, it merits the additional research, study, and public discourse that rulemaking will provide. Public Counsel's primary goal is always to protect ratepayers' interests, and in that regard is particularly concerned that ratepayers not be burdened with imprudent costs or expenses.

Sincerely,

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