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Memo

To: PDC Commissioners
From: Sean Flynn, General Counsel
Date: August 20, 2026
Re: Public Hearing re Proposed Rule Change– Complaint Publication Ch 390-32 WAC

The Commission approved a proposed rule change regarding case complaint publication procedures under the Fair Campaign Practices Code, WAC 390-32-030. The proposal amends the complaint publication process to allow the PDC to publish a complaint on its website, instead of requiring the complaint to be sent to the "news media." The proposed rule was published for public comment on June 22, 2026. *See* WSR 26-14-020.

Under the APA rulemaking process, the Commission must hold a public hearing to receive any submitted written or oral public comment and consider any changes to the proposal. This matter has been scheduled for a hearing at the Commission's meeting on September 27th. After the public hearing, the Commission may adopt the proposed rule. The rule will become effective 31 days after it is adopted.

As of August 20th, no written comments have been received. Any written comments received on this petition will be forwarded to the Commission and included in the meeting materials. The PDC staff has not recommended any further changes to the original proposal that was published for comment. A full description of the proposal was provided in the memo prepared on May 20, 2026, included here for your reference.