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To: Members, Washington State Public Disclosure Commission
From: Lori Anderson, Communications & Training Officer
Date: January 21, 2016
Re: Rules Development Agenda | January – June 2016

Staff is preparing to file with the Code Reviser the Commission's January – July 2016 rules development agenda. The staff has no new rule making to recommend, except a placeholder for rules that may be required by 2016 legislation. If, during the January meeting, the Commission decides to convert any guidance to rule, it would be included in the agenda. Projects underway that will be finished in this six-month period is also included in the agenda.

POSSIBLE NEW RULE MAKING

The Commission is scheduled to discuss at the January 28 meeting, whether to convert to rule any existing guidance, including the 1994 policy interpreting how the contributor's limit is applied when the contributor gives contributions to committees that may be affiliated for the purpose of receiving contributions, and interpretations related to public agencies and election activities.

RULE MAKING UNDERWAY

Proposed amendments scheduled for January 28 hearing:

1. Updating executive director's duties,
2. Making inflationary adjustments to contribution limits and other dollar amounts as required by RCW 42.17A, and
3. Converting the Commission's interpretation related to the session freeze.

Expedited rule making – review/comment period ended January 19 (order will be filed before January 28 meeting):

1. Eliminating the wet signature requirement for PDC electronic filing accounts and
2. Referencing the PDC website on forms.