

RCW 39.35C.010 Definitions. (Effective until June 30, 2033.)

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- (i) Energy consumption;
- (ii) Energy demand;
- (iii) Energy cost; or
- (iv) Greenhouse gas emissions.

(b) "Conservation" does not include thermal or electric energy production from cogeneration.

(c) "Conservation" also includes reductions in the use or cost of water, wastewater, or solid waste.

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(b) The expected value of energy equipment and services at the time of contract execution that are provided through a performance-based contract may exceed the fair market value.

(4) "Department" means the state department of enterprise services.

(5) "Energy" means energy as defined in RCW 43.21F.025(5).

(6) "Energy as a service" means a performance-based contract in which a state agency, public school district, public university, or municipality makes service payments to a third party or entity for energy services, which may include the provision of energy equipment that is owned and operated by a third party or entity.

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(11) "Performance-based contracting" means contracts for which payment or payment obligations are conditional on achieving contractually specified energy savings, which may include regular service payments made by a state agency, public school district, public university, or municipality to any persons or entities that own energy equipment and services under a performance-based contract.

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(16) "Utility" means privately or publicly owned electric and gas utilities, electric cooperatives and mutuals, whether located within or without Washington state. [2023 c 309 § 3; 2022 c 128 § 1. Prior: 2011 1st sp.s. c 43 § 248; 2007 c 39 § 4; 2001 c 214 § 20; 1996 c 186 § 405; 1991 c 201 § 2.]

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