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WSR 23-23-009 PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY **ENERGY FACILITY SITE** EVALUATION COUNCIL

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Subject of Possible Rule Making: Reviewing, reevaluating, and updating chapter 463-30 WAC, Adjudicative proceedings.

Statutes Authorizing the Agency to Adopt Rules on this Subject: RCW 80.50.040: "The council shall have the following powers: (1) To adopt, promulgate, amend, or rescind suitable rules and regulations, pursuant to chapter 34.05 RCW, to carry out the provisions of this chapter, and the policies and practices of the council in connection therewith."

Reasons Why Rules on this Subject may be Needed and What They Might Accomplish: The last update that occurred for this chapter was on October 11, 2004. The energy facility site evaluation council (EFSEC) became an independent agency on June 30, 2022. This necessitates reevaluation and possible updates to rules in a housekeeping or substantive capacity.

Other Federal and State Agencies that Regulate this Subject and the Process Coordinating the Rule with These Agencies: The rule changes for chapter 463-30 WAC will be coordinated with the office of administrative hearings (OAH) and the Washington attorney general's office (AG).

Process for Developing New Rule: Collaborative efforts between EFSEC, OAH, and AG.

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting Ali Smith, Rules Coordinator, 621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., phone 360-664-1345, email rulemaking@efsec.wa.gov, website efsec.wa.gov; or Dave Walker, Director of Administration, 621 Woodland Square Loop S.E., phone 360-664-1345, email rulemaking@efsec.wa.gov, website efsec.wa.gov.

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