

August 28, 2023

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RE: WAC 173-442 HFC Rulemaking comment timeline

Dear Ms. Kildahl,

On behalf of the Association of Washington Business and our members, I would like to thank the Department for their work to inform and update the stakeholder community on the progress of WAC 173-443 (HFC) rulemaking. Our members appreciate the presentations and opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. The ongoing webinars and presentations have been appreciated and have provided helpful background information for our members.

Unfortunately, the stakeholder meeting on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 raised a number of additional questions for our members and it is taking longer than expected to coordinate feedback from our membership to provide thoughtful feedback to some of the issues raised. AWB would like to request some additional time for the stakeholder community to provide feedback. Trying to communicate with members and schedule meetings this time of year is difficult with the lead up to a long weekend further adding complications. Our members would appreciate if the comment deadline was extended past Labor Day to allow us more time to receive feedback from our members. This will help provide Ecology staff with additional details to inform their work.

We appreciate the consideration of this request.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Godlewski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Peter Godlewski  
Government Affairs Director for Energy, Environment and Water  
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