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Memo

To: PDC Commissioners
From: Sean Flynn, General Counsel
Date: October 16, 2025
Re: Rulemaking Status Report

The PDC currently is engaged in several rulemaking processes. The following provides the status for each process to help track the timing for filings and effective dates.

Enforcement penalty updates: *Make adjustments to the enforcement penalty schedules and revise the mitigating and aggravating factor criteria.*

- Completed: Rules were ADOPTED and will take effect November 5th (after the general election). See WSR 25-16-030

Recodification: *Make technical citation changes to implement the new law that recodifies the Fair Campaign Practices Act into its own Title under the revised code (RCW).*

- Action needed: initiation of expedited rule process to avoid requirement for a public hearing
 - First adoption date would be December 23, 2025.

Slate Card Exemption from Contribution Limits: *Allow for political parties to include ballot propositions on slate cards that would still qualify for the statutory exemption from contribution limits.*

Emergency Rules (only effective for 120 days)

- Completed: Emergency rules were adopted and took effect June 30, 2025. The emergency rules expire on October 28, 2025.
- Action needed: Filing for an extension of the emergency rules for an additional 120 days.

Permanent Rules

- Completed: Initiation of rulemaking filed on October 8, 2025. See WSR 25-21-034
- Action Needed: Proposed rules filed before December 3, 2025 (in order to have the public hearing by the January meeting in January 2026).
 - Final adoption would be available by the February 2026 meeting.