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## **Memo**

To: PDC Commissioners  
From: Sean Flynn, General Counsel  
Date: February 5, 2026  
Re: Rulemaking Report re Slate Cards

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Last year, the agency adopted an emergency rule in response to an APA Petition by the Democratic Party to allow for political parties to include ballot propositions on slate cards that would still qualify for the statutory exemption from contribution limits. The emergency rule took effect on June 30, 2025, in time for implementation during the 2025 election cycle.

The emergency rules were extended on October 27, 2025, and will expire on February 24, 2026. Permanent rulemaking was initiated on October 8, 2025, and the public hearing was set for February 12, 2026. The permanent rule can be adopted any time after the public hearing. Permanent rules generally become effective 31 days after adoption, but can be expedited for earlier adoption upon certain grounds. *See* RCW 34.05.380(3).

The proposed permanent rule is the same as the emergency rule currently in effect. The original APA petition is attached for your review. The Commission received written comments (attached) at the time the emergency rule was under consideration at the Commission's May 2025 meeting.