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HEARING SET IN SUIT BROUGHT BY TODD MYERS AGAINST DEPT. OF ECOLOGY AND DEPT. OF COMMERCE

Olympia, Washington — June 5, 2025 — The hearing in *Myers v. Ecology and Commerce*, brought by the Citizen Action Defense Fund (CADF) on behalf of Todd Myers, is scheduled for Friday, June 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in Thurston County Superior Court.

Hearing Details

In person – Thurston County Superior Court, 3000 Pacific Avenue SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Via Zoom – Meeting ID: 990-7988-8683#, Passcode: 12345

Background

CADF filed a Petition for Writ of Mandamus and Declaratory Judgment on behalf of Todd Myers against the Department of Ecology and the Department of Commerce after they violated state law by failing to issue a mandatory report that details the total emissions of greenhouse gasses in Washington State for the preceding two years.

These reports are used by experts like Myers, who serves as Vice President for Research for the Washington Policy Center, to analyze whether or not the state is making progress on its carbon reduction goals. The law requires these state agencies to issue reports for the preceding two years by December 31st. The report that was eventually issued was late and incomplete – it included data for 2020 and 2021, but nothing for 2022 and 2023, despite the clear requirement in the law.

“The Department of Ecology and Washington state politicians cannot claim climate change is a crisis but refuse to measure if our climate policies are effective,” said WPC’s Vice President for Research Todd Myers. “At the current rate, legislators won’t know Washington’s 2022 emissions until early 2027. That is indefensible as a matter of law and environmental protection.”

Myers called on Governor Ferguson and Ecology Director Casey Sixkiller to admit the Inslee Administration failed to follow the law and settle the case rather than waste taxpayer money defending the agency’s failure to meet its basic obligations.

“No state agency is above the law – they have to follow the rules like everybody else does,” said Jackson Maynard, CADF Executive Director and Counsel. “This is especially true when these agencies have the budget and the resources to do the job. We look forward to arguing for transparency in Court this Friday.”

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