

August 10, 2001

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(September 12, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP  
(September 25, 2001)**

Re: Pipeline Safety Chapter 480-93  
Docket No. UG-011073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On August 9, 2001, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) regarding its intent to review Chapter WAC 480-93 Gas Companies – Safety. The Commission invites your comments on possible changes to regulatory treatment of this topic considering these criteria.

**1. Need.** Is the rule necessary to comply with the statutes that authorize it? Is the rule obsolete, duplicative, or ambiguous to a degree that warrants repeal or revision? Have laws or other circumstances changed so that the rule should be amended or repealed? Is the rule necessary to protect or safeguard the health, welfare, or safety of Washington's citizens?

**2. Effectiveness and Efficiency.** Is the rule providing the results that it was originally designed to achieve in a reasonable manner? Are there regulatory alternatives or new technologies that could more effectively or efficiently achieve the same objectives?

**3. Clarity.** Is the rule written and organized in a clear and concise manner so that it can be readily understood by those to whom it applies?

**4. Intent and Statutory Authority.** Is the rule consistent with the legislative intent of the statutes that authorize it? Is the rule based upon sufficient statutory authority? Is there a need to develop a more specific legislative authorization in order to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Washington's citizens?

**5. Coordination.** Could additional consultation and coordination with other governmental jurisdictions and state agencies with similar regulatory authority

eliminate or reduce duplication and inconsistency? Agencies should consult with and coordinate with other jurisdictions that have similar regulatory requirements when it is likely that coordination can reduce duplication and inconsistency.

**6. Cost.** Have qualitative and quantitative benefits of the rule been considered in relation to its cost?

**7. Fairness.** Does the rule result in equitable treatment of those required to comply with it? Should it be modified to eliminate or minimize any disproportionate impacts on the regulated community? Should it be strengthened to provide additional protection?

### **Stakeholder Workshop.**

The Commission has scheduled an initial workshop to discuss Chapter 480-93 WAC. This workshop, as noticed in the CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, will be held on **September 25, 2001** beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 206 in the Commission's headquarters, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address given above and should be filed with the Commission no later than **September 12, 2001**.

**Electronic copies.** The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later) and include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- \* The docket number of this proceeding (UG-011073)
- \* The commenting party's name
- \* The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- \* The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>.

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Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may (1) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, (2) e-mail the Commission at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov), or (3) mail written comments to the address above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UG-011073 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

### NOTICE

**If you don't want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. UG-011073. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.**

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn  
Executive Secretary