



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Utilities and Transportation Commission

Subject of possible rule making: The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) commences this inquiry to consider whether to amend WAC 480-30 to remove barriers to the ability of auto transportation companies to compete with other regulated and unregulated passenger transportation providers while continuing to safeguard public health and safety. Docket # TC-161262

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 81.04.160, 81.04.250, 81.68.030, and 81.68.040

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The UTC reviewed WAC 480-30 in 2013 in Docket TC-121328 to address changes in the market and authorize rate flexibility for auto transportation companies. Since that time the transportation options to and from Seattle-Tacoma International Airport have continued to expand. Commercial Transportation Service Providers like Uber and Lyft (also known as Transportation Network Companies) have begun providing this service, joining auto transportation companies, taxis, limousines, buses, and light rail, the majority of which the UTC does not regulate. The UTC is concerned that its oversight of auto transportation companies may not be allowing the companies to keep pace with market changes. Any changes to the rules will continue to protect public health and safety.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: No other agency regulates auto transportation companies. However the Port of Seattle regulates the use of its facilities by passenger transportation providers, and the Department of Licensing and Washington State Patrol have regulatory authority over some other transportation providers. The UTC will consult with those agencies during the rulemaking.

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested persons may submit their contact information to the Executive Director and Secretary, Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; Telephone (360) 664-1174; Fax (360) 586-1150. For specific information regarding opportunities for written comments and to ensure receipt of further information concerning the rulemaking, please see the attachment to this form.

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