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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By Monday, July 8, 2013)
and
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Friday, July 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider rate setting flexibility and competition for auto transportation companies in WAC 480-30, Docket TC-121328

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to the rules governing auto transportation company applications and tariffs in Chapter 480-30 WAC. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for Friday, July 26, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.

On September 5, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) in this docket with the Office of the Code Reviser regarding possible amendments to establish fare setting flexibility and to promote competition between auto transportation companies. The Commission issued draft rules on February 8, 2013, and conducted a workshop on the draft on March 22, 2013. The Commission issued a second set of draft rules on April 12, 2013, along with a notice of opportunity to comment by May 17, 2013, and a small business economic impact statement (SBEIS) questionnaire. The Commission received comments from four stakeholder companies. The drafts, comments, questionnaire and SBEIS are available in this docket on the Commission's website: <http://www.utc.wa.gov/121328>.

The Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser on June 5, 2013. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules by filing with the Commission Executive Director and Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, July 8, 2013. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/121328>. Additionally, upon request, the Commission will send you a paper copy.

Electronic copies: The Commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

In your comments please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (TC-121328)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. 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.utc.wa.gov/121328>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m. on Friday, July 26, 2013. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

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 a) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, b) e-mail the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov, or c) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket TC-121328 to ensure that you are included on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions? If you have questions about this notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Ann Rendahl. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at arendahl@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1144.

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Acting Executive Director and Secretary