



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING  
(RCW 34.05.320)**

**CR-102 (7/22/01)  
Do NOT use for expedited  
rule making**

Agency: Utilities and Transportation Commission

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 99-09-027 ; or  
 Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or  
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

Original Notice  
 Supplemental Notice  
to WSR \_\_\_\_\_  
 Continuance of WSR \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)  
Chapter 480-120 WAC Telephone Companies. The subject of these rules is telecommunications. Chapter 480-120 is the Commission's primary chapter for rules concerning telecommunications. This proposed chapter reflects revisions to the existing chapter after consideration of new,  
**Purpose:** The purpose of the proposed rules is to update current rules, codify current procedures and best-practice options, use clear language, organize the chapter by subject area, and match the rule requirements to the legislature's substantive requirements, consistent with the Governor's Executive Order 97-02.

**Other identifying information:** Docket UT-990146, Telecommunications operations rules. This is the third CR-102 proposal in this docket. The first covered general rules and was adopted at WSR 01-15-022. The second concerned customer information rules and was filed on April 3, 2002 at WSR 02-08-081, the Commission will hold a joint adoption hearing on the rules under WSR 02-08-081 and the rules filed with this CR-102.

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 80.01.040; RCW 80.04.160; 80.36.080; 80.36.090; 80.36.100; 80.36.300; 80.36.320; 80.36.390; 80.36.400; 80.36.410; 80.36.500; 80.36.510, 80.36.520; 80.36.524; 80.36.555; 80.36.560; and 80.36.610 RCW.

Statute being implemented:  
Chapter 80.36 RCW Telecommunications; Title 80 RCW Public Utilities.

(c) Summary: The proposed rules cover nine topic areas: (1) General rules including definitions; (2) establishing service and credit; (3) payments and disputes; (4) discontinuing and restoring service; (5) posting and publication notice; (6) telecommunications services; (7) financial records and reporting; (8) safety and standards rules; and (9) adoption by reference.

See section (j) below

Reasons supporting proposal:

(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:	Office Location	Telephone
1. Drafting.....Robert Shirley	1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250	360-664-1292
2. Implementation.... Carole J. Washburn, Secretary	1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250	360-664-1174
3. Enforcement..... Carole J. Washburn, Secretary	1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250	360-664-1174

(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Private  
 Public  
 Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:  
None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

Federal Law?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT Citation:
Federal Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
State Court Decision?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(h) HEARING LOCATION:  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Headquarters, Room 206  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
Olympia, Washington 98502-7250

Date: July 26, 2002 Time: 9:30 A.M.

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact  
Mary De Young by Friday, July 19, 2002

TDD (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

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NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)  
CAROLE J. WASHBURN

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SIGNATURE

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TITLE  
SECRETARY

DATE  
May 30, 2002

Submit written comments to:  
Secretary, Docket No. UT-990146  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250  
FAX (360) 586-1150 By June 27, 2002

DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: July 26, 2002

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

The rules concern telecommunications service generally. The purpose is to revise existing rules consistent with statutory changes and policy goals expressed in statute. Additionally, an effort has been made to increase clarity and to that effect they are re-ordered to group like-topic subjects together.

The anticipated effect is to alter practices of companies that affect customers in an effort to insure that practices are consistent with law and in the public interest.

Does proposal change existing rules?  YES  NO

If yes, describe changes:

The proposal would change practices as they relate to establishing service and credit; payments and disputes; discontinuing and restoring service; posting and publication notice; telecommunications services; financial records and reporting; safety and standards rules; and adoption by reference. In addition, definitions are added, changed, and deleted.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
P.O. Box 47250  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

telephoning: (360) 664-1234

faxing: (360) 586-1150

The SBEIS addresses this proposal and the remaining rules that will be filed under a subsequent proposal.

No. Explain why no statement was prepared

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption?  Yes  No

Please explain:

The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rules are not significant legislative rules as referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).