



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 13-04-122; or | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Notice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Notice to WSR _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1). | <input type="checkbox"/> Continuance of WSR _____ |

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject) This rulemaking proposes amending rules and adopting rules in WAC 480-123, universal service, to implement legislation establishing a state universal communications service program. Docket UT-131239.

Hearing location(s):

Commission Hearing Room 206
Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Date: May 15, 2014 Time: 1:30 PM

Date of intended adoption: May 15, 2014
(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Submit written comments to:

Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Address: 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250
e-mail records@utc.wa.gov. Please include: "Docket UT-131239" in your comments.
fax (360) 586-8203 by (date) May 5, 2014

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Debbie Aguilar by May 1, 2014
TTY (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1132

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The proposal would implement conditions for Commission oversight of the state universal communications program including, but not limited to, criteria for determining eligibility and information requirements, determining funding levels, and operation of an Advisory Board. Adoption of the rules would provide transitional state funding over a five year period to small eligible telecommunications carriers whose customers, absent state funding, may be subject to significant local rate increases or potential disruption to local telephone service. The Commission plans no changes to existing rules although some rules, including WAC 480-120-399 and other rules may be modified or eliminated pursuant to a separate rulemaking proceeding.

Reasons supporting proposal: See above.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 80.01.040(4), RCW 80.36.630, RCW 80.36.650, RCW 80.36.660, RCW 80.36.670, RCW 80.36.680, RCW 80.36.690, and RCW 80.36.700

Statute being implemented:
N/A

Is rule necessary because of a:

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| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
- If yes, CITATION:

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DATE: April 02, 2014

TIME: 9:25 AM

WSR 14-08-094

DATE
April 2, 2014

NAME (type or print)
Steven V. King

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Executive Director and Secretary

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

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

- Private
 Public
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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed rules will not result in or impose more than minor costs. Because there will not be more than minor increase in costs resulting from the proposed rule changes, a SBEIS is not required under RCW 19.85.030(1).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

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No: Please explain:

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