October 26, 2007

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON CR-101 AND DISCUSSION DRAFT (By Tuesday, November 27, 2007)

RE: Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-93, Relating to Gas Companies -Safety, Docket PG-070975

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 26, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) at WSR # 07-16-060 to consider possible corrections and clarifications to selected sections of WAC 480-93 to reflect changes in RCW Title 81 resulting from the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5225 during the 2007 legislative session. This notice supplements the original CR-101 filed at WSR 07-16-060.

On October 24, 2007, the Commission filed a supplemental CR-101 to that noticed at WSR # 07-16-060 to consider moving back by two months the fee-setting and fee-payment schedules in WAC 480-93-240, and to provide greater detail for what must be included in a petition contesting the fee. The supplemental CR-101, filed with the Code Reviser at WSR # 07-21-147, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/070975. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Commission has completed a discussion draft of rules in WAC 480-93 that incorporates the statutory changes and modifications to the fee-setting and fee-payment schedules mentioned above. The discussion draft is available for inspection on the Commission's web site noted above.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments addressing the discussion draft must be filed with the Commission no later than Tuesday, November 27, 2007. The Commission requests that comments be provided 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. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal (<u>www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</u>) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <<u>records@utc.wa.gov></u>. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (PG-070975)
- 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 ¹/₂ 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 <u>http://www.utc.wa.gov/0709745</u>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document. Questions may be addressed to Tim Sweeney at (360) 664-1118 or e-mail at tsweeney@utc.wa.gov.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments. 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 <<u>records@utc.wa.gov></u>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket PG-070975 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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NOTICE

If you do not 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 PG-070975. <u>If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.</u>

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary