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**Subject:** Notice of Utilities and Transportation Commission Rulemaking

Dear UTC Regulated Water Utilities:

I am contacting you because you are a water company regulated by the Utilities and Transportation Commission.

During the 2011 legislative session, the Legislature passed SSB 5034 (attached), which establishes a new regulatory program within the UTC. Beginning in July 2012, we will be issuing certificates to, and regulating, private wastewater companies that provide on-site sewerage services to developments with 100 or more customers. To implement this legislation, we will be considering and adopting regulations during the coming year.

When we issued the notice of rulemaking on July 1, 2011, we intended to send the notice to all of the regulated water companies in case any of the companies would want to participate in the rulemaking (the assumption being that some water companies might, in the future, be interested in also providing

private sewerage service). However, we found out after the fact that the “water company rulemaking” list on file actually contained very few water companies. So I am sending the attached notices to you via this email.

For this rulemaking, wastewater companies and other private entities are being asked to contribute money to pay for the rulemaking project. Anyone interested in providing input into the rulemaking may do so without contributing money – the contributions are voluntary. You will also see that we asked those companies or private entities interested in assisting with the funding to send us a letter of intent by July 20, 2011. Because of the delay in sending this notice to the regulated water companies, we are extending that deadline to August 5, 2011.

If you want to participate in the rulemaking but do not want to participate financially, please still contact us per the instructions in the notice.

If you have questions about the legislation or the rulemaking, please email me at [crose@utc.wa.gov](mailto:crose@utc.wa.gov). If you want to discuss your questions on the telephone, please email me and give me your name and phone number and I will call you.

I apologize for any inconvenience that this delay in notification may cause you.

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