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November 7, 2019

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By 5 p.m. on Friday, December 20, 2019)

Re: Rulemaking to evaluate the effects of WAC 480-30-140, 480-30-420, and the amendments to WAC 480-30-071, 480-30-096, 480-30-116, 480-30-126, 480-30-136, and 480-30-286
Docket TC-190898

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On November 6, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to evaluate the effects of WAC 480-30-140, 480-30-420, and the amendments to WAC 480-30-071, 480-30-096, 480-30-116, 480-30-126, 480-30-136, and 480-30-286. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket TC-190898.

WAC 480-30-075 requires the Commission open this rulemaking. The purpose of the rulemaking is to evaluate the effects of changes made to Chapter 480-30 WAC, Passenger Transportation Companies, during the 2012 rulemaking¹ to allow flexibility in setting rates and promote competition in the auto transportation industry regulated by the UTC.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission seeks written comments on the changes made to Chapter 480-30 allowing flexfares. The Commission asks that interested parties address comments to address the following:

1. Have the amendments increased opportunities to maintain and expand safe, fair, adequate, dependable and fairly priced auto transportation services to the public?

¹Docket TC-121328

2. Have the amendments reduced the costs of complying with tariff changes and compliance with regulations?
3. Have the amendments reduced the duration of time required to process tariffs?
4. Have the amendments increased opportunities for new and existing companies to provide service?
5. Has there been an increase in consumer complaints about unreasonable or unfair fares?
6. Have the changes resulted in an increase in ridership?

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/190898>. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like an electronic copy of the CR-101 emailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments in response to the Notice and the questions listed above must be filed with the Commission no later than **5 p.m., Friday, December 20, 2019**. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form. As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (TC-190898).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment(s).

The Commission will post all written comments on its website at the following URL address: <http://www.utc.wa.gov/190898>.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact Staff, Ann LaRue, by email at ann.larue@utc.wa.gov.

NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Executive Director and Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket TC-190898. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

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Executive Director and Secretary