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**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED RULES
(Due by Friday, May 20, 2005)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2005)**

RE: Pipeline Fee Methodology Rulemaking to Review WAC 480-75-240 and
WAC 480-93-240, Docket No. P-041344

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the Commission's rulemaking to change the current pipeline safety fee methodology for allocating pipeline safety program costs to regulated pipeline companies in WAC 480-75-240 and WAC 480-93-240. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On April 20, 2005, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2005. The

proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/041344. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

Electronic copies. 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 by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (P-041344)
- * 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 ½ 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 <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/041344>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

ADOPTION HEARING

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, June 15, 2005. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Information about 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 records@wutc.wa.gov, or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. P-041344 to ensure that

you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Tim Sweeney by e-mail at tsweeney@wutc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1118.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary