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August 23, 2023

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN OBJECTIONS
(By Monday, October 23, 2023)

Re: Rulemaking to Amend Pipeline Safety Program Fee Calculation,
Docket P-230583

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 14, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser an Emergency Rulemaking Order (CR-103E) for publication at WSR 23-15-057. The CR-103E revised WAC 480-93-240(3)(a) on an emergency basis to strike the provision requiring that the Commission offset calculation of pipeline safety fee program fees with penalties collected pursuant to RCW 19.122.055. Also on July 14, 2023, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser an Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105) for publication at WSR 23-15-059 to permanently amend that provision of WAC 480-93-240, and served a notice on all potentially interested persons providing opportunity to object to the proposed rule amendments no later than September 18, 2023.

On August 23, 2023, the Commission filed a supplemental Expedited Rulemaking (Supplemental CR-105) to include an identical revision of WAC 480-75-240, relating to hazardous liquid pipelines. The Supplemental CR-105 will be published at WSR 23-17-XXX on September 6, 2023.

Due to the later publication date of the Supplemental CR-105, the Commission now extends the deadline to object to this expedited rulemaking to permanently amend WAC 480-93-240 and WAC 480-75-240 to October 23, 2023.

NOTICE

THE COMMISSION PROPOSES TO AMEND WAC 480-93-240 AND WAC 480-75-240 UNDER AN EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS THAT WILL ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR THE COMMISSION TO HOLD PUBLIC

HEARINGS, PREPARE A SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT, OR PROVIDE RESPONSES TO THE CRITERIA FOR A SIGNIFICANT LEGISLATIVE RULE. IF YOU OBJECT TO THIS USE OF THE EXPEDITED RULE-MAKING PROCESS, YOU MUST EXPRESS YOUR OBJECTIONS IN WRITING AND THEY MUST BE SENT TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SECRETARY BY ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION AS DESCRIBED BELOW AND RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5 P.M., MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023.

Electronic copies. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written objections must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those objections 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 (P-230583)
- The objecting party's name
- The title and date of the objections

The Commission will post on its web site all objections that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230583/docsets>. If you are unable to file your objections electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document.

If you have questions regarding this expedited rulemaking, please contact Gregory J. Kopta at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov.

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Executive Director and Secretary