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October 9, 2003

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(Due on November 7, 2003)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP  
(To Be Held December 9, 2003)**

RE: Gas Companies – Safety Rulemaking, Chapter 480-93 WAC  
Docket No. UG-011073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 25, 2003, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) held its second stakeholder workshop for the Gas Companies – Safety Rulemaking. At the workshop Commission Staff discussed proposed changes to the current rules, and additional new rules and clarification of federal rules adopted by WAC 480-93-999. The proposed draft rules incorporate some of the stakeholder comments as well as other changes Commission Staff believes are appropriate.

At the February stakeholder meeting Commission Staff also discussed and solicited stakeholder comments on Master Meters. No changes to the Master Meter rules are reflected in the new draft. Staff will post to the website on October 30, 2003 proposed changes to the Master Meter rules.

**WORKSHOP.** The Commission will convene a workshop on **Tuesday, December 9, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m., in Room 206, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. You may reserve a line by calling Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139. An agenda for the workshop, proposed draft rules, and Staff responses to stakeholder comments will be posted to the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/011073](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/011073). If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the agenda, proposed draft rules, and/or Staff responses to stakeholder comments, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS.** Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **Friday, November 7, 2003**, for consideration at the December 9, 2003, workshop. 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](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-011073)
- 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/011073>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will be provided to you individually if you request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may either: (1) submit a written request; (2) call the Commission's records center at (360) 664-1234; or (3) e-mail the Commission at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov). When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UG-011073.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Sondra Walsh at [swalsh@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:swalsh@wutc.wa.gov) or by calling (360) 664-1286.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary