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October 31, 2023

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
(Due by Wednesday, November 20, 2023)**

and

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
(Due by Wednesday, November 20, 2023)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Rulemaking Petition Submitted by SMART Transportation Division, Docket TR-230876*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 9, 2023, SMART Transportation Division filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Rulemaking (Petition), which was assigned to Docket TR-230876. The Petition requests that the Commission initiate a rulemaking related to the experience requirements for employees of regulated railroad companies.

Per RCW 34.05.330, the Commission must either deny the Petition or initiate a rulemaking within 60 days. By this Notice, the Commission requires that any responses to the Petition be filed on or before November 20, 2023.

To aid its consideration of whether to act on the Petition, the Commission is requesting comment from interested persons on the subject of the requested rulemaking. The Petition and supporting documents can be found on the Commission's website at [UTC Case Docket Document Sets | UTC \(wa.gov\)](http://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230876/docsets).¹ Comments may be submitted to the Commission on or before November 20, 2023.

¹ <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230876/docsets>.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That responses or comments to SMART Transportation Division's Petition for rulemaking must be filed with the Commission no later than 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 20, 2023.

KATHY HUNTER
Acting Executive Director and Secretary