

October 2, 2000

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Monday, October 23, 2000)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Tuesday, November 14, 2000)**

RE: Rules relating to Commission General - Tariffs: chapter 480-80 WAC
Docket No. U-991301

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The objective of this rulemaking is to review the Commission's rules in chapter 480-80 WAC in compliance with Executive Order 97-02 to determine whether the:

1. Rules comply with authorizing statutes;
2. Rules are obsolete, duplicative, or need to be repealed;
3. Rules provide the results that they were originally intended to achieve; and
4. Rules are written and organized in a clear and concise manner, in order that they may be readily understood by those to whom they apply.

At this time the Commission invites comments on suggested rule language for chapter 480-80 WAC. Every aspect of the rule is open for comment to include process improvements that will reduce costs incurred by both the Commission and the regulated industries.

When commenting, please consider:

- (1) Effectiveness and efficiency. Is the rule providing the results that it was originally designed to achieve? Are there regulatory alternatives or new technologies that could more effectively or efficiently achieve the same objectives?

(2) Rules to move, eliminate, or consolidate. The first stage of this rule review asked Interested Persons to comment on the rules that are currently in chapter 480-80 WAC that they believe should be in the regulated industry chapters and on those rules that are in the regulated industry chapters that should be in chapter 480-80 WAC. Attachment A reflects moving, eliminating, and consolidating certain rules.

(3) Attachment B - Draft of Price List and Contract rules applicable to competitively classified telecommunications companies and telecommunications companies offering competitively classified services.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

We encourage your attendance and participation in the stakeholder workshop. The workshop will be held **Tuesday, November 14, 2000** in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Free parking is available.

Attachments A and B will be posted to the Commission's web site on the Internet at www.wutc.wa.gov. The current statutes (RCW) and rules (WAC) can be found on the Internet and at most public libraries, including Commission headquarters. To find the rules on the Internet go to www.mrsc.org/wac.htm and look at chapter 480-80 WAC.

If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to dial into the Commission conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. There are 12 lines available on a first come first serve basis. You may reserve a line by calling Nancy Moen at (360) 664-1140. If you need additional information you may call Fred Ottavelli at (360) 664-1297 or e-mail him at [<fottavel@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:fottavel@wutc.wa.gov).

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address given above. Written comments should be filed with the Commission no later than **Monday, October 23, 2000**.

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

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- * The docket number of this proceeding (U-991301)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- * The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. 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>>.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. 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. U-991301 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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NOTICE

If you don't want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. U-991301. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

Enclosures