



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING  
(RCW 34.05.320)**

**CR-102 (7/10/97)**

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**Agency:** WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as **WSR 99-19-155**; or  
 Expedited Adoption--Proposed Rule Making notice was filed as  
 WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or  
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice**  
 **Supplemental Notice to WSR** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Continuance of WSR**  
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**(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)** Chapter 480-100 WAC Electric Companies, New Sections WAC 480-100-388 Electric service reliability definitions. WAC 480-100-393 Electric service reliability monitoring and reporting plans. WAC 480-100-398 Electric service reliability reports. Commission Docket UE-991168.

**Purpose:**

The objective of these rules is to generate and make available to the Commission accurate and meaningful information about the reliability of electricity service to customers of electric utilities regulated by the Commission. These rules will allow the Commission to track trends in electric service reliability and to identify areas of special reliability concern, and will assist the Commission in its assessments of the adequacy of electric service provided to customers.

**(b) Statutory authority for adoption:**

RCW 80.01.040 General powers and duties of commission.

**Statute being implemented:**

**(c) Summary:**

See section (j) below:

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

**(d) Name of Agency Personnel Responsible for:**

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**(e) Name of proponent (person or organization)**

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Private

Public

**Governmental**

**(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:** NONE

**(g) Is rule necessary because of:**

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Federal Law?</b>            | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <b>If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT<br/>Citation:</b> |
| <b>Federal Court Decision?</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |
| <b>State Court Decision?</b>   | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |  |

**(h) HEARING LOCATION:**

Commission Hearing Room 206  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chandler Plaza Building  
 1300 So. Evergreen Park Dr. SW  
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

**Date:** March 14, 2001 **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact**

Pat Valentine by March 1, 2001  
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**NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)**

Carole J. Washburn

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**

Secretary

**DATE**

2/07/01

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or  
 E-mail to <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Please include Docket No. UE-991168 in your communication.

**FAX (360) 753-2629 By (date) February 28, 2001**

**DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION:** March 14, 2001

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

Filed with the Code Reviser  
 February 7, 2001  
 10:30 a.m.  
 WSR No. 01-04-081

**(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:**

**New Rules Added to Chapter 480-100 WAC.**

The objective of these rules is to generate and make available to the Commission accurate and meaningful information about the reliability of electric service to customers of electric utilities regulated by the Commission. Declining service quality in other regulated industries, and the Commission's concerns that changes in the electric utility industry should not result in unreliable service triggered the development of these rules.

These rules will allow the Commission to track trends in electric service reliability and to identify areas of special reliability concern, and will assist the Commission in its assessments of the adequacy of electric service provided to customers.

These rules primarily address interruptions to electric service, and establish two key requirements for electric utilities, which must:

- a) file a Reliability Monitoring and Reporting Plan with the Commission, and
- b) make an annual Reliability Report to the Commission.

Reliability Monitoring and Reporting Plans will articulate what aspects of interruptions to service each utility will monitor and report to the Commission. The rules set some specific requirements, for example, utilities must monitor and report on the reliability of their systems as a whole, yet must also identify areas of special reliability concern. The rules give significant discretion to utilities for defining and selecting reliability problems to monitor and report on. However, their plans must be reviewed for acceptance by the Commission.

Annual Reliability Reports will be made by each utility on interruptions to service, in a manner consistent with the monitoring and reporting plans filed with the Commission under the rule.

**Does proposal change existing rules?**     YES     NO    **If yes, describe changes:**

**(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?**

**Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.**

**A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:**

**telephoning:** (    )

**faxing:** (    )

**No. Explain why no statement was prepared.**

Commission Staff contacted companies seeking data regarding whether the proposed rules would impose increased costs. The responses indicate that affected companies have not identified such increased costs. The Commission analyzed the rules to identify those that impose requirements that are new or differ from current requirements. The Commission analysis identified only minor costs.

**(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption?**

YES     NO

**Please explain:**

The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies.