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## OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES (By July 15, 2005) and NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Friday, July 29, 2005)

RE: Pipeline Fee Methodology Rulemaking to Review WAC 480-75-240 and WAC 480-93-240, Docket No. P-041344

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made toward adoption of rule revisions to consider changes in the current pipeline safety fee methodology for allocating pipeline safety program costs to regulated pipeline companies in WAC 480-75-240 and WAC 480-93-240. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on a Supplemental CR-102 proposed rulemaking related to the rules, and participate in the formal Supplemental CR-102 rule adoption hearing.

On June 13, 2005, the Commission filed a continuance of the rule adoption hearing from June 15, 2005, to July 29, 2005, to consider additional revisions to WAC 480-75-240 and WAC 480-93-240. On June 16, 2005, the Commission filed a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Supplemental CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser that would add additional rule language to WAC 480-75-240 and WAC 480-93-240, Annual pipeline safety fee methodology.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the Supplemental CR-102 proposal not later than <u>5:00 p.m., July 15, 2005</u>. The draft rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web

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## site at <u>www.wutc.wa.gov/041344</u>. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

**Electronic copies.** 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 <u>records@wutc.wa.gov</u>. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (P-041344)
- 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 3-1/2 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 <a href="http://www.wutc.wa.gov/041344">http://www.wutc.wa.gov/041344</a>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the Supplemental CR-102 proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at <u>9:30 a.m., Friday, July 29, 2005</u>. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Tim Sweeney. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at <u>tsweeney@wutc.wa.gov</u> or by calling 360-664-1118.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary