

September 21, 1998

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN
COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULE
(October 30, 1998)**

AND

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(November 16, 1998)**

RE: Household Goods Rulemaking
Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
Docket No. TV-971477

TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

On October 22, 1997, the Commission approved a notice of intent to amend rules and a notice of opportunity to comment on the proposed revisions to Chapter 480-12 WAC. On November 4, 1997, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Intent (CR-101) noticing its intention to explore easing entry requirements, providing rate flexibility, and strengthening consumer protection rules. During the process, Commission Staff held several stakeholder and rule drafting sessions. The Commission accepted written and oral comments through August 6, 1998.

On August 12, 1998, the Commission approved filing a Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) concerning household goods carriers. The CR-102 was filed with the Code Reviser on September 17, 1998, and will be published on October 7, 1998 and October 21, 1998. The Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) filed with the CR-102 will be published on October 7, 1998. Copies of the CR-102, SBEIS, and rule text are enclosed.

The Commission will be accepting written comments regarding the proposed rules through **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1998**. All commenters are asked, but not required, to file an original and 19 copies of their written comments. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided on a 3½ inch IBM formatted high-density disk, in WordPerfect version 5.1, 6.0, or 6.1, labeled with the docket number of this proceeding and the commenter's name and type of software used.

The public hearing for adoption of the proposed rules will be held at 9:30 a.m., on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1998**, at the Commission's open meeting. 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. If you are unable to attend

in person, you may call the Commission's teleconference bridge line at (360) 664-3846 to participate via telephone. There are twelve lines available on a first come, first serve basis.

If you need additional information, please contact Kim Dobyms at (360) 664-1242 or via e-mail at Kim@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

Enclosure