June 12, 2002

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS (August 5, 2002)

Re: Adoption-by-Reference Rule Revisions in Title 480 WAC

Docket No. A-020379

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has filed with the Code Reviser proposed revisions to the adoption-by-reference rules in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). The Commission filed the proposed changes as an expedited rulemaking (CR-105) under Docket No. A-020379. This proposal does **not** include rules relating to the telecommunications or pipeline safety industries as those chapters of rules are open under different docket numbers.

This proposal would revise adoption-by-reference dates to reflect the most current published versions of adopted publications as well as make other minor administrative changes. This expedited rulemaking would also substitute an existing national standard (ANSI Z308.1) for railroad passenger-carrying vehicle first-aid kit requirements to replace the Commission's adoption-by-reference of Washington State Labor and Industries' rules (Chapter 296-24 WAC) that were repealed in 2001.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 5, 2002. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/020379. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the proposed rules mailed to you, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

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:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (A-020379)
- * 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 <a href="mailto: 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 <a href="mailto: http://www.wutc.wa.gov.

If you have questions regarding this expedited rulemaking, please contact Kim Dobyns at (360) 664-1242, or you may e-mail her at kdobyns@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Secretary