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August 22, 2022

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES**

(By Friday, September 30, 2022)

and

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING

(Set for October 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking to incorporate amendments to RCW 80.24.010, updating the Commission's regulatory fees,
Docket U-220271

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This notice is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to current rules in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480 to incorporate amendments to RCW 80.24.010, updating the Commission's regulatory fees. This also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and notice of the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for October 17, 2022, at 9:30 a.m.

On July 1, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider changes to current rules in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 480 governing the Commission's authority to assess regulatory fees for utility companies. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket U-220271. The draft rules, comments, and SBEIS questionnaire are available in this docket on the [Commission's website](https://www.utc.wa.gov)¹.

¹ <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220271/docsets>

On August 9, 2022, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed rules amend sections of chapter 480-90-252 WAC, 480-100-252 WAC, 480-110-505 WAC, 480-120-382 WAC, and 480-120-385 WAC. The only substantive change to these rules is the legislature's increase in the maximum amount of the Commission's regulatory fees. The Commission retains the authority to impose lower regulatory fees when warranted and anticipates it will do so for telecommunications companies. The Commission has reviewed the comments received from interested persons to date in this docket and has prepared proposed rules for review and comment. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web page at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220271/docsets>. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5 p.m., September 30, 2022**. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (Docket U-220271).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all comments on its web site. The web site is located at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220271/docsets>.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of your opportunity to attend the virtual public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules beginning at **9:30 a.m., October 17, 2022**. Interested persons may participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Conference ID: 874 9788 0066 # and use the Passcode: 384286 #. To attend via Zoom, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting](#).

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If you need an interpreter, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1140 or by sending an email to paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities at its facilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this hearing, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the hearing by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to human_resources@utc.wa.gov. For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

Questions? If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead Gregory Kopta at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov.

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