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**Docket: UT-040015**

**Subject:** Rulemaking to Consider Corrections and Changes to Rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC, Chapter 480-122 WAC, and Chapter 480-80 WAC Relating to Telecommunications

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**Discussion:**

On January 27, 2004, the Commission filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, CR-101, with the Washington State Code Reviser, opening a rulemaking that would consider possible corrections and changes to rules relating to telecommunications, including rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC (Telephone Operations), Chapter 480-122 WAC (Washington Telephone Assistance Program), Chapter 480-80 WAC (Utilities General—Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts).

The intent of the rulemaking is a “tune-up” of rules to make minor corrections, delete provisions no longer consistent with federal law, delete provisions that have been struck down in court, make grammar changes, and address issues that remained after the major review undertaken in 2000-2002.

The Commission held a stakeholder workshop in March 2004, and solicited two rounds of written comments from stakeholders.

On August 18, 2004, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a CR-102 (Notice of Proposed Rulemaking) proposing the repeal or amendment of numerous rules in the three chapters identified in the CR-101. The CR-102 provided notice of an adoption hearing on September 22, 2004 and stated the Commission’s intention to adopt rules on

that date. The notice also provided opportunity for stakeholders to submit written comments. The Commission received five comments on the proposed rules.

The stakeholders' written comments, and the rule sections addressed in their comments, are listed in Attachment A. The proposed rules as filed with the Code Reviser are in Attachment B.

Attachments