

October 31, 2012

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
(By Wednesday, November 14, 2012)**

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to, or Elimination of, the Requirement
Related to Distribution of Telephone Books in WAC 480-120-251
Docket UT-120451

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 20, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a notice of a proposed rulemaking (CR-102) to all interested persons concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to the requirement related to distribution of telephone books in WAC 480-120-251 Directory service. The Commission received comments from interested persons in response to this notice and conducted a workshop to discuss these proposed revisions and related issues. All comments are posted on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/120451.

The Commission has considered the comments and the workshop discussion and has prepared a revised proposed directory listings rule. Before issuing a new CR-102, the Commission seeks comments on this proposed revised rule, which is reproduced in its entirety below:

WAC 480-120-251
Directory Listings.

(1) Basic local exchange service includes access to directory listings comprised of the name, address, and primary telephone number for each customer that the local exchange company (LEC) serves in a local calling area unless the customer requests to exclude some or all of this information from the LEC's directory listings.

(2) A LEC must ensure that each of its basic local exchange service customers has access to directory listings for the customer's local calling area through at least one of the following means:

(a) Electronically via a document, database, or link on the LEC's website, provided that the LEC also distributes or arranges to distribute printed directory listings to all of the LEC's customers who request a printed directory; and/or

(b) In hard copy via publishing or arranging to be published a printed telephone directory that includes the directory listings and distributing that directory to the LEC's customers, provided that a printed telephone directory shall not be distributed to any customer who requests not to receive a printed directory.

(3) A LEC must establish reasonable means for its customers to request to exclude some or all of their information from the LEC's directory listings and to request to receive, or not to receive, a printed directory.

Commenters should provide any revisions or additional language they would like the Commission to consider prior to adopting the proposed revised rule. In addition, commenters should address any procedural issues, including but not necessarily limited to whether the Commission can adopt this proposed revised rule pursuant to the existing CR-102 or must issue a supplemental CR-102 prior to adoption.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of the opportunity to comment on the draft proposed revised rule set forth in this Notice no later than Wednesday, November 14, 2012.

If you have questions about this Notice, the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact John Cupp. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by email at jcupp@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1113.

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