

November 15, 2006

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Due on January 10, 2007)**

Re: Gas Companies – Safety Rulemaking
Docket PG-061027

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 16, 2006, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a CR-101 announcing that the Commission is reviewing rules in WAC 480-93 Gas Companies – Safety, rules governing natural gas pipeline operators. Draft rules are available for your review and comment on the Commission’s web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/061027. If you are unable to access the Commission’s web page and would like a copy of the draft rules mailed to you, please contact the Commission’s Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The draft rules make corrections and clarifications to existing rules and add one new rule to WAC 480-93. The draft includes amendments to the following rules:

- WAC 480-93-005 Definitions
- WAC 480-93-013 Covered tasks
- WAC 480-93-015 Odorization of gas
- WAC 480-93-017 Filing requirements for design, specification, and construction procedures
- WAC 480-93-018 Records
- WAC 480-93-100 Valves
- WAC 480-93-124 Pipeline markers
- WAC 480-93-170 Tests and reports for pipelines
- WAC 480-93-180 Plan of operations and maintenance procedures: emergency policy; reporting requirements
- WAC 480-93-188 Gas leak surveys
- WAC 480-93-200 Reporting requirements for operators of gas facilities

The new draft rule, WAC 480-93-XXX, addresses compliance with damage prevention statutes in chapter RCW 19.122.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the suggested changes to these rules must be filed with the Commission no later than **Wednesday, January 10, 2007**.

Electronic copies: The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate reference to the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal (www.wutc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of the proceeding (PG-061027)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

You may also submit comments electronically by mailing or delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, or on a compact disk, in Microsoft Word 97 or later and in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/061027>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper copy.

The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will be provided to you individually if you request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may take the following steps. **(NOTE: if you are already on the notification list for this rulemaking, you need do nothing further to stay on the list.)**

- (1) submit a written request,
- (2) call the Commission's records center at (360) 664-1234, or
- (3) e-mail the Commission at records@wutc.wa.gov.

Please refer to Docket PG-061027 when contacting the Commission to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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If you have any questions regarding the draft rules, please contact Sondra Walsh at swalsh@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1286 or Ilyne Lawson at llawson@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1302.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary