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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULE
(By Friday, September 1, 2006)
and
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Wednesday, September 13, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider rules relating to Rates (fares) and Ratemaking for Passenger Transportation Companies, Chapter 480-30 WAC
Docket No. TC-060177

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in the commission's rulemaking to consider rules relating to rates (fares) and ratemaking for passenger transportation companies regulated under Chapter 81.68 RCW in Docket TC-060177. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule and participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On August 2, 2006, the commission filed a notice of proposed rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser. The proposal would reduce the advance notice for filing rate decreases from seven days notice to one day. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rule 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., Friday, September 1, 2006. The proposed rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the commission's web site at

www.wutc.wa.gov/060177. **The commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rule or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.**

Electronic copies. The commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to improve public access, to ease providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments by electronic mail to the commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (TC-060177)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. 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/060177>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rule at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2006. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The commission will post information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, on its web site as information becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may

- 1) Call the commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234.
- 2) E-mail the commission at [<records@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov).
- 3) Mail written comments to the address below.

Please refer to Docket TC-060177 when contacting the commission to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The commission's mailing address is:

Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P O BOX 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Penny Hansen. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at phansen@wutc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1242.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary