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October 20, 2004

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for Tuesday, November 16, 2004, 10:00 a.m.)

RE: Pipeline Fee Methodology Rulemaking to Review WAC 480-93-240 and WAC 480-75-240, Docket No. P-041344

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On August 11, 2004, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to review fee methodology established in WAC 480-93-240 and WAC 480-75-240 and to evaluate alternative methods for allocating pipeline safety program costs to pipeline operators regulated by the Commission. The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/041344. While interested parties were provided the opportunity to comment at this point, the one official comment received indicated that the commentor would reserve comment until a draft proposal has been offered. Since then, the commission has retained a consultant who has reviewed current law, past practices, cost data and previously-stated stakeholder concerns. He is developing a range of fee methodology examples which Staff will share with you within a couple of weeks. They also will be posted on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/041344.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

We encourage your attendance and participation in the stakeholder workshop. The workshop will be held on **Tuesday, November 16, 2004**, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, beginning at 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

If you cannot attend the workshop in person, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at **360-664-3846**. You may reserve a line by calling Ms. Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139. You are also invited to provide comments in writing prior to the meeting for consideration at the November 16, 2004, workshop.

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 quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (P-041344)
- 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/041344>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

Opportunity to further comment is anticipated. If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Sondra Walsh at (360) 664-1265 or e-mail at swalsh@wutc.wa.gov, or Tim Sweeney at (360) 664-1118 or e-mail at tsweeney@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary