

September 21, 2005

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By October 20, 2005)**

**NOTICE OF CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (CR-102)
(Set for Wednesday, October 26, 2005)**

RE: *Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-140-020, relating to who must file budgets with the Commission*
Docket No. UT-051261 and Docket No. UW-051287

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 7, 2005, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the need for requiring telecommunications companies and water companies to file budgets. The Commission Staff has completed a discussion draft of the rule in WAC 480-140-020. The draft rule is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051261> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287>. If you are unable to access the Commission's web site and would like a copy of the discussion draft mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Commission requests written comments from interested persons regarding the elimination of the requirement for telecommunications companies and water companies to file annual budgets with the Commission.

The proposed rule will be presented to the Commission on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, for approval to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102). The open meeting will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington. Your oral comments on the rule proposal will be welcomed at this meeting.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the draft rules must be filed with the Commission no later than **Thursday, October 20, 2005**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to reduce the need for paper copies, to enhance public access, and to facilitate reference to the comments. **Please submit comments in Word format to facilitate creation of summaries by Commission Staff and in .pdf (Adobe) format to facilitate internet posting.** 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 (UT-051261 and UW-051287)
- The commenting party's name
- The subject and date of the comments

An alternative method for submitting comments is to mail or deliver an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in Word 97 or later (.doc) (please *also* include an Adobe Acrobat version (.pdf), if possible). Include all of the information requested above. All comments that are provided in electronic format will be posted and made publicly available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051261> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287>.

If you are unable to file your comments via e-mail or submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept paper documents. Mail your comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please be sure to refer to Docket No. UT-051261 and UW-051287 to ensure that your comments are properly recorded.

The Commission's mailing address is:

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

If you have questions or need additional information please contact Ms. Betty Erdahl at (360) 664-1283 or e-mail at <berdahl@wutc.wa.gov>.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary