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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
CR-101 AND DISCUSSION DRAFT
(By Wednesday, December 21, 2005)**

RE: Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC chapters 480-31 and 480-70, Relating to Notice and Opportunity for Hearing Prior to Suspension or Revocation of a Certificate, Docket No. T-051359

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 5, 2005, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) at WSR # 05-20-093 to consider amending sections of WAC chapters 480-31, 480-51, and 480-70 to reflect recent changes to chapters 81.66, 81.77, and 81.84 RCW, relating to notice and opportunity for hearing prior to suspension or revocation of a certificate, and in conjunction with a request for certification to operate in a territory served by an existing certificate holder.

On November 23, 2005, the Commission filed a supplemental CR-101 to that noticed at WSR # 05-20-093 to consider adding new language or sections to implement the statutory amendments and remove chapter 480-51 WAC, Commercial Ferries, from this inquiry. The supplemental CR-101, filed with the Code Reviser at WSR # 05-23-175, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/051359. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Commission has completed a discussion draft of rules in chapters 480-31 and 480-70 WAC that incorporates the statutory changes mentioned above. The discussion draft is available for inspection on the Commission's web site noted above.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments addressing the discussion draft must be filed with the Commission no later than **Wednesday, December 21, 2005**. 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 (T-051359)
- 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/051359>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document. Questions may be addressed to Sharyn Bate at (360) 664-1295 or e-mail at sbate@wutc.wa.gov.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments. Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it 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>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. T-051359 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. T-051359. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary