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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULES  
(By Monday, October 5, 2009)  
and  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(Set for Wednesday, October 14, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to Amend WAC 480-14, Motor Carriers  
Docket TV-090400

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (Commission) rulemaking in Docket TV-090400. In this rulemaking, the Commission is proposing to amend WAC 480-14, Motor Carriers. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

**Please note: The changes recommended in these rules will not affect motor carriers' day-to-day operations. These are strictly housekeeping changes to existing rules.**

WAC 480-14 contains rules for motor carriers of property other than household goods carriers. The rules cover intrastate common carriers and armored car service carriers, as well as interstate common carriers. The rules set out requirements for permits and registrations, liability insurance and safety.

In 1995, the state Legislature transferred all safety regulation for motor carriers of property other than household goods to the State Patrol. Because the State Patrol did not have its own safety rules for motor carriers at that time, it continued to enforce the Commission's safety rules in WAC 480-14. The State Patrol completed its final safety rules this year; therefore, many rules in WAC 480-14 are no longer necessary.

On May 6, 2009, the Commission filed an expedited rulemaking (CR-105) in this docket with the Code Reviser setting a deadline of July 6, 2009, for interested persons to submit written comments on the proposed rules. The Commission received written comments from two individuals. Under the expedited rulemaking statute, RCW 34.05.353, if a written notice of objection to the expedited rulemaking is timely filed and is not withdrawn, the notice of proposed expedited rulemaking is considered a statement of inquiry (CR-101). That means that this rulemaking cannot proceed on an expedited basis. The Commission will therefore proceed to consider this docket according to the standard rulemaking process (CR-102). A summary/matrix of the comments received is posted to the UTC's web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/090400](http://www.utc.wa.gov/090400).

On September 2, 2009, the Commission filed a CR-102 in this docket with the Code Reviser. 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 rules by filing with the Commission Executive Director and 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., October 5, 2009. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/090400](http://www.utc.wa.gov/090400). The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules 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 written comments via the Commission's Web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (TV-090400).
- 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 .doc Word 97 or later format. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at [www.utc.wa.gov/090400](http://www.utc.wa.gov/090400).

If you are unable to file comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will 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 rules at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, October 14, 2009. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 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@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov)>.
- 3) Mail written comments to the address below.

Please refer to Docket TV-090400 when contacting the Commission to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and 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 Betty Young. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at [byoung@utc.wa.gov](mailto:byoung@utc.wa.gov) or by calling 360-664-1202.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary