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September 25, 2020

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, 2020)

Re: Rulemaking pertaining to the establishment of minimum crew sizes on certain trains,
Docket TR-200536.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 20, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) for a rulemaking to implement House Bill 1841 (HB 1841), Laws of 2020, Chapter 170, which pertains to the establishment of minimum crew sizes on certain trains. Chapter 81.40 of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW) vests the Commission with regulatory authority over train crews. HB 1841 adds new sections to, and repeals specific sections in, Chapter 81.40 RCW, necessitating a rulemaking to define Class I railroads, develop a mechanism for reviewing automatic waivers, and establish a process for Commission-ordered crew size increases.

On July 21, 2020, the Commission issued a Notice of Opportunity to Comment in this docket seeking written comments on the rules the Commission should adopt to implement the statute. The Commission received comments in response to the notice on September 5, 2020.

The Commission will conduct a workshop on **November 19, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m.** to discuss issues raised in the written comments and to address how the Commission can best implement HB 1841. The Commission anticipates the workshop will end by noon. Commission staff (Staff) will prepare a workshop agenda prior to the workshop. Due to the current health emergency, the Commission intends to conduct this workshop via virtual webinar. To participate via Microsoft Teams, please use the following link: [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#), or to join by phone, call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 850 852 128#.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact Staff, Betty Young, by email at betty.young@utc.wa.gov.

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MARK L. JOHNSON
Executive Director and Secretary