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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By December 10, 2004)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider Amendment of WAC 480-120-450, Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911), Obligations of Local Exchange Companies, Docket No. UT-041629

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has authorized the filing of a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) with the Code Reviser in Docket No. UT-041629. The Commission will consider in this rulemaking docket whether to amend WAC 480-120-450, Enhanced 9-1-1 (E911) obligations of local exchange companies, or adopt additional rules to address the allocation of Enhanced 911 implementation costs between local exchange telecommunications companies and Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs). The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/041629>. If you are unable to access the web site and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Military Department, Emergency Management Division, filed a petition for rulemaking with the Commission on September 9, 2004, requesting amendment of WAC 480-120-450 to set the cost recovery point for wireline carriers and PSAPs within Washington State.

The Commission denied the Military Department's petition by letter served October 29, 2004, and directed that the issue be addressed through the initiation of a rulemaking proceeding.

The Commission requests written comments from interested persons regarding E911 obligations of local exchange companies and whether the Commission should amend WAC 480-120-450 to establish a uniform demarcation point in the E911 network for carrier cost recovery.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **Friday, December 10, 2004**. 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. 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-041629)
- The commenting party's name
- The subject and date of the 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 Adobe Acrobat format (.pdf) or in Word 97 or later (.doc). 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/041629>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept paper documents. Questions may be directed to Rebecca Beaton at <rbeaton@wutc.wa.gov> or (360) 664-1287.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments and stakeholder workshops. 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. UT-041629 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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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. UT-041629. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary