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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By February 28, 2024)**

And

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m.)**

Re: Rulemaking to Revise WAC 480-93-015 Relating to Odorization and Sniff Test Requirements,
Docket PG-230896

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On November 8, 2023, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser an Emergency Rulemaking Order (CR-103E), amending WAC 480-93-015 to create an exemption for the odorization and sniff test requirements in certain pipeline facilities for circumstances where sniff tests would be hazardous to human health. On December 13, 2023, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider permanent revisions to WAC 480-93-015 to preserve the exemption beyond the 120 day effective period of the emergency rule amendment and add the clarification that when the exemption applies, operators must be able to otherwise demonstrate impurity levels.

On January 23, 2024, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser at WSR 24-03-143. The Commission did not receive any comments on the CR-101 and now proposes rules for permanent adoption subject to review and comment by interested persons. The proposed rules, as well as the CR-102 as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230986>. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like an electronic copy of the CR-102 or proposed rules emailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234 or at records@utc.wa.gov. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process,

which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Interested persons may submit written comments in response to this question and the proposed rules no later than **5 p.m., Wednesday, February 28, 2024.**

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), written comments must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

Comment submissions should include:

- The docket numbers of these proceedings (Docket PG-230896).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230986>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document via mail.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of the opportunity to virtually attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption on Friday, March 1, 2024, at 1:30 p.m. This public hearing will be virtual.

To attend by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 856 2436 3395# and the Passcode: 311911#. To participate via Zoom, use the following link: <https://utc-wa.gov.zoom.us/j/85624363395?pwd=U519MiuuhqbG1COYTpPxCC0x87KE89.1>.

Questions? If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Staff lead Scott Rukke at (360) 870-4923, or by email at scott.rukke@utc.wa.gov.

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