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RE: Consider Establishing Rules Related to Public and Employee Safety, and Protection of Property from Damage Associated with Remote Control Locomotive (“RCL”) Operations. Chapter 480-62 WAC.  
Docket No. TR-021465

Dear Interested Person:

Thank you for your thoughtful comments about the Commission’s inquiry into the use of Remote Controlled Locomotives (RCL) in Washington State. This letter provides information on how you can continue to participate in this rulemaking.

**On March 19, 2003, we will hold a workshop on this matter beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 206 at the Commission’s offices located at 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The agenda for this meeting is attached to this letter. If you are interested in attending, you may obtain directions to our office at our website, [www.wutc.wa.gov](http://www.wutc.wa.gov). You may also obtain directions by calling the Commission’s Record Center at (360) 664-1234.

If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to participate in the workshop via teleconference. Eleven call-in ports are available on a first-come, first served basis. You may reserve a port by calling Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss issues related to the use of Remote Controlled Locomotives, and to consider options for addressing those issues, including whether the Commission should establish rules regulating Remote Controlled Locomotive operations in Washington.

You can obtain more information regarding this rulemaking proceeding by going to the Commission’s website at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>. A link to the “Remote Control Locomotive workshop on March 19” is prominently featured

under “UTC News” in the middle of the page. By clicking on that text a page devoted to the RCL proceeding will be displayed. The RCL page contains links to other relevant documents, including all comments filed by interested persons.

Thank you again for your comments about Remote Controlled Locomotives. If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Mike Rowswell at [mrowswel@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:mrowswel@wutc.wa.gov) or (360) 664-1265.

Sincerely,

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