

December 20, 2000

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY  
(January 31, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOPS  
(January 22, 2001, and January 24, 2001)**

RE: Docket No. U-991301  
Utilities General Tariffs Rulemaking: 480-80 WAC

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission is reviewing its tariff, price list, and contract rules as part of Governor Locke's Executive Order on streamlining regulations. Among our goals are putting rule language in plain English, removing unnecessary requirements, and finding more efficient ways to do business. One of the possible efficiencies we are considering is electronic filing and availability.

The legislature requires state agencies to consider the economic impact of proposed rules on small businesses, and to look for ways to mitigate any disproportionate effects. We are conducting this initial survey in order to:

- \* Assess the electronic capability of ALL regulated utility businesses,
- \* Identify those regulated companies which may also be small businesses, and
- \* Assist us in identifying ways to lighten regulatory burdens where feasible.

An electronic version of this survey is available on the Commission's website at:

**<http://www.wutc.wa.gov/survey>**

While we would prefer that you use the electronic survey, we have also enclosed a paper copy (see Enclosure #1) if that is more convenient for you. If you do not complete the web survey, you can mail your survey response to the WUTC, Attn: Tariff SBEIS Team, Docket U-991301, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia WA, 98504-7250. You can also fax them to 360-586-1150, if you prefer that method.

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Your response to the survey will be most useful if submitted by **January 31, 2001**.

In addition to this initial survey, we will also hold workshops (see Enclosure #2) and may conduct additional surveys in order to gain better information about possible economic impacts and potential mitigation techniques for use within the rulemaking. Your prompt and accurate response to this survey will be helpful to the Commission throughout this process.

If you have questions or concerns regarding the survey process or the scheduled workshops, you may contact Tim Zawislak at (360) 664-1294 or [tim@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:tim@wutc.wa.gov).

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carole Washburn  
Secretary

Enclosures (2)