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October 27, 2003

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Monday, November 10, 2003)**

RE: Grade Crossing Protective Fund Policy and Interpretive Statement
Docket No. TR-031384

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Staff of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has prepared a draft interpretive and policy statement to interpret RCW 81.53.271 and RCW 81.53.281, as amended in the last legislative session, and to explain how the Commission will implement the law in disbursing grants from the Commission's Grade Crossing Protective Fund (GCPF). Commission Staff prepared the draft based upon a workshop on the issues, held on September 30, 2003.

The draft interpretive and policy statement is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/031384. The Commission will send a paper copy of the draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if requested.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the draft interpretive and policy statement must be filed with the Commission no later than **Monday, November 10, 2003**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from 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 (TR-031384)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or 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 .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/031384>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

Staff responses to comments by interested persons, and other aspects of this proceeding will be posted on the Commission's web site as they become available. If you wish to receive further information on this proceeding 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 above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. TR-031384 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

If you have any questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Ahmer Nizam at anizam@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1345.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary