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**NOTICE OF TREATMENT FOR WORKPAPERS
WATER AND SOLID WASTE COLLECTION COMPANIES SUBMIT IN
SUPPORT OF GENERAL RATE INCREASE FILINGS**

RE: Workpapers in general rate increase filings for solid waste collection companies pursuant to WAC 480-07-520 and water companies under WAC 480-07-530, Docket A-130355

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) rules require companies making general rate increase filings to submit workpapers that support those filings. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-510(3)(a), electric, natural gas, pipeline, and telecommunications companies must provide workpapers only for Commission Staff (Staff) and Public Counsel review, while WAC 480-07-520(4) and WAC 480-07-530(4) obligate solid waste collection companies and water companies, respectively, to include the workpapers as part of their filings.

The Commission's practice has been to treat workpapers in all general rate increase filings the same, regardless of the industry. Specifically, workpapers have not been included in the docket with the rest of the filing but have been forwarded to Staff (and Public Counsel, as applicable) for its review. Upon further consideration, the Commission has determined that this practice is not fully consistent with the rules for filings submitted by water companies and solid waste collection companies.

On a going-forward basis, therefore, the Commission will include in the docket all workpapers submitted by water companies and solid waste collection companies as part of their general rate increase filings. To the extent that those workpapers include information the company considers to be confidential under RCW 80.04.095 or RCW 81.77.210, the workpapers must be marked and submitted in compliance with WAC 480-07-160. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in rejection of the entire filing as noncompliant with the applicable general rate increase filing rule.

If you have questions about this Notice or the Commission's treatment of workpapers supporting general rate increase filings, you may contact Greg Kopta, Director, Administrative Law Division, by email at gkopta@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1355.

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