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June 4, 1999

NOTICE OF RULEMAKING WORKSHOP

(9:30 a.m., Thursday, June 17, 1999)

RE: Railroad Operations Rulemaking
Chapter 480-62 WAC
Docket No. TR-981102

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 31, 1999, the Commission filed with the Code Revisor a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) noticing its intention to review railroad company operations rules for possible changes, additions or deletions. The Commission provided notice of this rulemaking to all parties that Commission Staff identified as having a potential interest, and requested comments by April 30, 1999. Many comments have been received.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the Commission will conduct a workshop regarding possible changes, additions, or deletions to rules regarding railroad company operations on Thursday, June 17, 1999 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Commission's Hearing Room #206, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. The Commission's teleconference bridge line will be available for this workshop. However, a limited number of teleconference ports are available and will be available first-come, first-served. The conference bridge line is (360) 664-3846.

The Commission held a workshop on May 27, 1999 with interested persons but was unable to complete the initial discussion on all issues. This workshop will cover the issues not yet addressed. Enclosed is the tentative agenda for this workshop. Other issues may be discussed if time allows.



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Commission Staff strongly encourages you to participate. Your participation is welcome via written comments and/or attendance at the workshop. If you have any questions or comments regarding the rulemaking proceeding or the workshop, please contact Kim Dobyms at (360) 664-1242, or via e-mail at kdobyms@wutc.wa.gov.

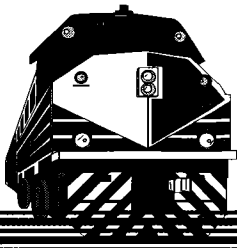
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carole J. Washburn".

CAROLE J. WASHBURN

Secretary

Encl.



Railroad Companies Operations Rules

WAC 480-62

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A G E N D A

Rulemaking Workshop - Docket TR-981102

June 17, 1999 - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Commission's Conference Room, #206

Registration, Handouts and Refreshments

I. Meeting Opening:

Welcome and overview of agenda and meeting purpose

- ▶ Introductions - Group
- ▶ Ground Rules
- ▶ Overview of rulemaking process / where we are with this rule

II. Part 1- Existing Rules (pages 2 - 12 of discussion paper*)

1. WAC 480-62-010 Locomotive speedometers.
2. WAC 480-62-020 Traffic control devices.
3. WAC 480-62-030 Flagpersons.
4. WAC 480-62-040 Exemption.
- 5a. WAC 480-62-050 Passenger carrying vehicles--General.
- 5b. WAC 480-62-060 Passenger carrying vehicles--Equipment.
- 5c. WAC 480-62-070 Passenger carrying vehicles--Operation.
Passenger Carrying Vehicles were discussed briefly at the 5/27/99 workshop. Since time did not permit a complete discussion , we will include this topic again in this workshop.
6. WAC 480-62-080 Accident reports.
7. WAC 480-62-085 Annual reports.
8. WAC 480-62-090 Hazardous materials regulations.
9. WAC 480-62-100 Bridge safety rules.
10. WAC 480-62-120 Train operations--Tacoma.

III. Part 2 - New Issues (pages 13 - 17 of discussion paper*)

1. Signal Maintenance
2. Miscellaneous Reporting Requirements

IV. Part 3 - Other Issues Raised by Stakeholders

1. Railroad Crossing Coordination with Community Comprehensive Development Plans

V. Next Steps / Schedule

IV. Adjourn

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*The discussion paper referenced in the agenda was distributed in our earlier mailing and as a handout at the May 27, 1999 stakeholder workshop.