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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULES**

**(By Wednesday, May 3, 2006)**

**and**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING**

**(Set for Thursday, May 18, 2006, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider rules for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers,  
Chapter 480-123 WAC -- Docket No. UT-053021

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in the commission's rulemaking to consider rules for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETCs), chapter 480-123-WAC. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on proposed rules and participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On March 31, 2006, the commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser. The proposal would add eight sections to chapter 480-123 WAC to address designation and certification of ETCs. The proposal also deletes WAC 480-120-399(2). This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the commission.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 3, 2006. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/053021](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/053021). The commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask. You can also find a memo outlining stakeholder comments and commission responses on the web site listed above.**

**Electronic copies.** The commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to improve public access, to ease providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments by electronic mail to the commission's Records Center at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-053021)
- 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/053021>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the commission will always accept a paper document.

**THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2006. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

The commission will post information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, on its web site as information becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may

- 1) Call the commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234.
- 2) E-mail the commission at [<records@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov).
- 3) Mail written comments to the address below.

Please refer to Docket No. UT-053021 when contacting the commission to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The commission's mailing address is:

Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P O BOX 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**Questions:** If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Bob Shirley, Policy Analyst. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at [bshirley@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:bshirley@wutc.wa.gov) or by calling 360-664-1292.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary