



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

(RCW 34.05.310)

CR-101 (7/22/01)

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**Agency:** WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Subject of possible rule making:**

This rulemaking would consider possible corrections and changes to rules relating to telecommunications, including rules in Chapter 480-122 WAC, Washington Telephone Assistance Program.

Docket No. UT-040015

**(a) Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:**

RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.160.

**(b) Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** While implementing the rules in Chapter 480-120, Telephone Companies, that took effect in July 2003, stakeholders and agency staff have identified a variety of issues that suggest that the Commission review its rules relating to telecommunications, including Chapter 480-122 WAC. This rulemaking would consider possible corrections, changes, and clarifications to address those issues and others that may emerge during the rulemaking process.

**(c) Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:**

**(d) Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

The Commission will ask for initial comments, and will provide the opportunity for additional comments. The Commission will schedule one or more workshops with representatives of affected companies and constituencies to discuss issues related to this rulemaking and any rule proposal.

**(e) How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested persons may file comments with the Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 s. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; Telephone (360) 664-1174; Facsimile (360) 586-1150, by Wednesday, February 25, 2004. An initial workshop is scheduled for March 11, 2004.

For specific information regarding opportunities for written comments, participation in the workshop, and to ensure receipt of further information concerning this rulemaking, please see the attachment to this form.

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