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**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED RULES
(Due Wednesday, October 13, 2004)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2004)**

Re: Proposed rule changes in WAC 480-70-401 (Payment options), and
WAC 480-70-396 (Billing), Docket No. TG-041349

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the Commission's rulemaking to expand customer payment options, and allow solid waste/refuse companies to issue electronic billing to customers on request, by amending WAC 480-70-401 (Payment option), and WAC 480-70-396 (Billing). This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On September 22, 2004, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser. 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.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission 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, October 13, 2004. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/041349. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234 and identify the specific chapter of draft rules you want mailed to you.

Electronic copies. 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 (TG -041349)
- * 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 Work 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/041349>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

ADOPTION HEARING

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption at **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, October 27, 2004.** 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.

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it 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, or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. TG-041349 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 42750
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Ms. Penny Hansen by e-mail at phansen@wutc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1242.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary