

January 29, 2001

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(Tuesday, February 20, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP  
(Wednesday, February 28, 2001)**

RE: Utility General -Tariffs, Chapter 480-80 WAC  
Docket No. U-991301

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On January 3, 2001, the Commission directed the Secretary to file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the office of the Code Reviser in Docket U-991301, addressing the placement of rules but proposing no change in language. The CR-102 proposes moving rules requiring customer notice from the tariff rule (480-80-120 WAC) to the industry-specific rules (480-90-193 Gas Operations, 480-100-193 Electric Operations, and 480-120-043 Telecommunications Operations).

Opportunity for written comment on the location of the customer notice rule was provided for following the filing of the CR-102. Today's notice requests comment on the content of the rules and offers further opportunity for written comments on the location of the rules. Written comments should be submitted by **February 20, 2001**.

In addition to the opportunity to submit written comments, you are invited to attend a stakeholder workshop on **February 28, 2001**. At this workshop, Staff will solicit comments from stakeholders on the content of the customer notice rules along with comments on the placement of the customer notice rule.

The following documents are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov](http://www.wutc.wa.gov). Attachment A contains a series of issues and questions on the content and location of the customer notice rules on which the Commission would like your written comment. Attachment A will also be the focus of our discussion at the workshop. Attachment B contains the draft customer notice rules that include the following:

- 480-080-125 - Formal hearing customer notice
- 480-090-193 - Customer notification requirements (natural gas)
- 480-100-193 - Customer notification requirements (electric)
- 480-120-043 - Customer notification – non-competitive telecommunications company
- 480-120-X15 - Customer notification requirements - competitive telephone companies or services
- 480-121-X04 - Customer notice - petition for competitive classification of a service.

The Commission will send a paper copy of Attachments A and B or will send the complete packet via electronic mail, if requested. See information below about contacting the Commission.

### **STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP**

We encourage your attendance and participation in the stakeholder workshop. The workshop will be held **Wednesday, February 28, 2001**, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

If you need additional information please call Fred Ottavelli at 306-664-1297 or e-mail him at [fottavel@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:fottavel@wutc.wa.gov).

### **WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address given above and should be filed with the Commission no later than **Tuesday, February 20, 2001**.

**Electronic copies.** The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- \* The docket number of this proceeding (U-991301)
- \* The commenting party's name
- \* The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- \* The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. 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>>.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the 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](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No.U-991301 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

#### NOTICE

**If you don't want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. U-991301. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.**

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn  
Secretary