## March 1, 2013

# NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON SECOND SUPPLEMENTAL PROPOSAL (By Friday, March 29, 2013) and NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 1:30 p.m.)

RE: Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to, or Elimination of, the Requirement Related to Distribution of Telephone Books in WAC 480-120-251 Docket UT-120451

### TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to provide notice of an opportunity to file written comments on a new supplemental proposal (Supplemental CR-102) related to distribution of telephone books in WAC 480-120-251 Directory service. The letter also provides notice to participate in a formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Thursday, April 11, 2013.

On July 20, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued a notice of a proposed rulemaking (CR-102) to all interested persons concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to the requirement related to distribution of telephone books. The Commission received comments from interested persons in response to this notice and conducted a workshop to discuss the proposed revisions and related issues.

On October 31, 2012, the Commission issued a notice to all interested persons seeking comments on a revised proposed directory listings rule.

On December 19, 2012, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Supplemental CR-102 in this docket. The Supplemental CR-102 proposal amends WAC 480-120-251 so that carriers have the flexibility to comply with their obligation to make basic directory listings available to their local exchange customers either by providing those customers with access to electronic listings and making printed directories available to customers

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who request them, or by distributing printed directories to all customers except those who request not to receive them.

On February 14, 2013, the Commission held an adoption hearing on the Supplemental CR-102 and heard oral comments from interested persons.

On February 27, 2013, the Commission filed a second supplemental CR-102 with the Code Reviser. This Supplemental CR-102 amends the proposal so that carriers are obligated only to provide electronic access to directory listings and must provide printed directories only to customers who request them. If carriers also distribute printed directories to customers who do not request them, the rule would require that carriers not distribute a printed directory to customers who request not to receive them.

This Supplemental CR-102 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 second supplemental proposed rule to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and 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 <u>5:00</u> <u>p.m., Friday, March 29, 2013.</u> The proposed rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <u>http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451</u>. Additionally, upon request, the Commission will send you a paper copy if needed.

**Electronic copies:** The Commission asks that you provide your comments 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. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at <u>http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</u> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>.

In your comments please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-120451)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

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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 <u>http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451</u>. 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 supplemental proposed rule at <u>1:30 p.m., Thursday, April 11, 2013</u>. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 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 a) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, b) e-mail the Commission at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>, or c) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UT-120451 to ensure that you are included on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and 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 John Cupp. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at <u>jcupp@utc.wa.gov</u> or by calling (360) 664-1113.

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