



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 04-16-120; or  
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or  
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

Original Notice  
 Supplemental Notice to WSR \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Title of rule and other identifying information:**

WAC 480-70-401, Payment options, and WAC 480-70-363, Billing, for solid waste/refuse companies. Amendments to these WACs would expand customer payment options, and allow solid waste/refuse companies to issue electronic billing to customers on request.

Docket No. TG-041349

**Hearing location(s):**

Commission Hearing Room 206  
Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504

Date: October 27, 2004 Time: 9:30 am

**Date of intended adoption:** October 27, 2004

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

**Submit written comments to:**

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**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Ms. Mary DeYoung by October 20, 2004  
TTY (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

At the July 28, 2004, Open Meeting, the Commission granted exemptions from WAC 480-70-401 (Payment options) to five solid waste companies to allow electronic fund transfers as an accepted method of payment. Other companies want to offer similar payment options, however, the current rule is too restrictive. WAC 480-70-396, Billing, would be amended to allow companies to issue electronic billing to customers on request.

The proposed rules would a) establish a minimum level of payment options companies must allow such as cash, certified funds (e.g., cashier check or money order) and personal checks; and b) allow companies, upon request by the customer, to offer electronic billing.

**Reasons supporting proposal:** Allows more flexibility for companies and customers by allowing additional methods of payment and electronic billing, and may offer opportunity for cost savings.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 80.01.040; RCW 81.04.160

**Statute being implemented:** N/A

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

Federal Law?  Yes  No  
Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No  
State Court Decision?  Yes  No  
If yes, CITATION:

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**DATE**  
September 22, 2004

**NAME** (type or print)  
CAROLE J. WASHBURN

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters: None.

Name of proponent: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed corrections and changes to rules will not result in or impose an increase in costs. Because there will not be any increase in costs resulting from the proposed rule changes, an SBEIS is not required under RCW 19.85.030(1)

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain: The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rule is not a significant legislative rule of the sort referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).