



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR #07-04-108 ; or

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Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

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Title of rule and other identifying information:

This rulemaking would consider amending subsection (8) of WAC 480-120-262 Operator service providers (OSPs) relating to Emergency calls (E-911). Because of new technology, the requirement may be obsolete.

Docket UT-070199

Hearing location(s):

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

Date: August 15, 2007 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Date of intended adoption: August 15, 2007

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Submit written comments to:

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Address: P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504
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fax (360) 586-1150 by June 25, 2007

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

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

The proposal would repeal subsection (8) of WAC 480-120-262. Repealing the subsection would not have any appreciable impact on the E-911 system given changes in technology and the Operator Service Providers (OSP) business practices.

Reasons supporting proposal:

WAC 480-120-262(8) requires Operator Service Providers (OSP) be capable of transferring an emergency call back to the 911 system with the call routed to the correct Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) for the location of the caller. The evolution of OSP services to regional or national operations makes this requirement technically difficult. OSPs may no longer have the complement of customer information for a number of reasons, the most prevalent of which is a change in business practice that sees most OSP service outsourced, or provided by a business unit that operates under a separate line of business. Additionally, OSPs do not automatically connect a caller who has dialed "O" for an emergency, but advises the caller to hang up and dial 9-1-1. The requirement was adopted with the intent to promote access to emergency response. Due to E 911 capabilities today, the requirement may be obsolete. In addition, the State of Washington has installed "rapid transfer capability" that links all PSAPs in Washington and Oregon.

Affected WACs are: (See Attachment A)

Reasons supporting proposal: To put into rule the statutory language amended in SSB 5105.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 80.01.040 and
RCW 80.04.160

Statute being implemented: N/A

Is rule necessary because of a:

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

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NAME (type or print)
Carole J. Washburn

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TITLE
Executive Secretary

Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

Name of proponent: Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

- Private
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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:

Address:

phone () _____

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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:

Name:

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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).

ATTACHMENT A

480-120-262 Operator service providers (OSPs).

1. Amend to remove subsection (8) Emergency calls