



# 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 01-17-048; 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
- Continuance of WSR 04-15-141

**Title of rule and other identifying information:**

Chapter 480-93 WAC, Gas Companies - Safety. WUTC Docket No. UG-011073.

**Hearing location(s):**

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

February 9, 2005, 9:30 a.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

Name: Carole J. Washburn, Secretary  
Address: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250  
e-mail [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)  
fax (360) 586-1150 by December 22, 2004  
Please include Docket No. UG-011073 in your communication.

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Mary DeYoung by February 7, 2005

TTY (360)-586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

**Date of intended adoption:** February 9, 2005

(Note: This is NOT the effective date)

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

The proposed rules are intended to ensure the safety of gas pipeline operations and to promote safety for the citizens of Washington state from the hazards of gas pipeline operations. The proposed rules are intended to implement the requirements of Executive Order 97-02, requiring agencies to review significant rules for need; effectiveness and efficiency; clarity; intent and statutory authority; cost and fairness. The proposal repeals some of the existing rules that are no longer necessary, adds rules to clarify existing federal rules which the Commission adopts by reference, and includes new rules that are more stringent than federal rules, such as adding "new construction" as an activity included as a covered task. The proposed rules include new rules for defining "timeframes" used throughout the chapter, and addressing protection of exposed plastic pipe.

The purpose of this continuance of WSR# 04-15-141 is to provide notice of a change in the adoption and hearing dates for this rulemaking from October 27, 2004, to December 10, 2004. In addition, the continuance is necessary to allow sufficient time for the Commission to file a supplemental CR-102, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, with the Code Reviser by mid-November, and allow sufficient time for interested persons to file comments concerning any changes to the proposed rule published in WSR# 04-15-141.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

**Statutory authority for adoption:**

**Statute being implemented:**

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

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

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**  
**Filed with the Code Reviser's Office**  
**October 18, 2004, 8:38 a.m.**  
**WSR 04-21-048**

**DATE**  
OCTOBER 18, 2004

**NAME**  
CAROLE J. WASHBURN

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

Name of proponent: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

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:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

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

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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No: Please explain: