

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Docket No. TO-000712, General Order No. R-500, filed 8/26/02, effective 9/26/02)

WAC 480-75-260 Exemption for rules in chapter 480-75 WAC.

(1) The commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in this chapter if consistent with the public interest, with the purposes underlying regulation, and with applicable statutes.

(2) To request a rule exemption, a person must file with the commission a written request identifying the rule for which an exemption is sought, giving a full explanation of the reason for the exemption.

(3) The commission will assign the request a docket number, if it does not arise in an existing docket, and will schedule the request for consideration at one of its regularly scheduled open meetings or, if appropriate under chapter 34.05 RCW, in an adjudication. The commission will notify the person requesting the exemption, and other interested persons, of the date of the hearing or open meeting when the commission will consider the request.

(4) In determining whether to grant the request, the commission may consider whether application of the rule would impose undue hardship on the petitioner, of a degree or a kind different from hardship imposed on other similarly situated persons, and whether the effect of applying the rule would be contrary to the purpose of the rule.

(5) The commission will enter an order granting or denying the request, or setting it for hearing pursuant to chapter ((480-09)) 480-07 WAC.