

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Docket No. A-021178 and TO-030288, General Order No. R-518, filed 2/28/05, effective 3/31/05)

WAC 480-90-207 Filing information. (1) **Filing.** The commission record center will accept any filing under WAC 480-90-242 (Issuing securities) delivered in person, by mail, telefacsimile, or electronic mail message. The commission records center will accept all other reports required in Part III in person, by mail, or when procedures are in place, electronic mail message.

(2) **Commission may require additional information.** The commission may require pertinent information in addition to that specified by statute or in this chapter.

(3) **Information by reference.** When any information required to support a filing is on file with the commission, it is sufficient to make specific reference to the information indicating the proceeding, report, or other filing that contains the referenced information.

(4) **When information is unavailable.** If any required information is unavailable at the time of the filing, the filing must include the reason why the information is not available and state when it will be available.

NEW SECTION

WAC 480-90-242 Issuing securities. For the purpose of this section:

"Securities" means stocks, stock certificates, other evidence of interest or ownership, bonds, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness, or any obligation or liability as guarantor.

(1) Before a gas utility issues a security, it must file with the commission:

(a) A description of the purposes for which the issuance will be made, including a certification by an officer authorized to do so, that the proceeds from any such financing is for one or more of the purposes allowed by RCW 80.08.030;

(b) A description of the proposed issuance, including the terms of financing; and

(c) A statement as to why the transaction is in the public interest.

(2) A commission order is not required for such a filing. The utility may request a written order affirming that the utility has complied with the requirements of RCW 80.08.040. The utility must submit the request for a commission order, along with the information required in subsection (1) of this section, at least fifteen business days before the requested effective date for the order. Requests for supplemental orders may be exempt from the fifteen business day requirement.

(3) Filing a Registration Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission using a shelf registration process does not constitute undertaking the issuance of a security, and therefore a filing with the commission is not required under the provisions of RCW 80.08.040. A shelf registration filing is defined under the General Rules and Regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, Rule 415 - Delayed or Continuous Offering and Sale of Securities.

(4) An authorized representative must sign and date the filing and include a certification or declaration that the information is true and correct under penalty of perjury as set forth in chapter 9A.72 RCW. The certificate or declaration must be in substantially the following form:

"I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

(5) Filings under this section may be submitted with portions designated confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160 (Confidential information).

(6) Within sixty days after the issuance of any securities, except for dividend reinvestment and employee benefit plans, a utility must file with the commission a verified statement:

(a) Outlining the final terms and conditions of the transaction; and

(b) Setting forth actual proceeds from the issuance and the disposition of proceeds stating the final amount to be used for each purpose allowed by RCW 80.08.030.

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WAC 480-90-248 ((Securities and)) Transfers of property.
~~((1) Before a gas utility issues stock, securities, or other evidence of indebtedness, the utility must comply with the requirements of chapters 80.08 RCW and 480-146 WAC.~~

~~(2))~~ Before selling, leasing, or assigning any of its property or facilities which are necessary or useful in the performance of its duties to the public, or before acquiring property or facilities of another public utility, a gas utility

must obtain from the commission an order authorizing such transaction in accordance with chapter 80.12 RCW (Transfers of property) and chapter 480-143 WAC (Commission general--Transfers of property).

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WAC 480-90-262 Securities report. Each gas utility that has issued securities must file with the commission an annual securities transaction report. The report is due five months from the end of the utility's reporting period, whether a fiscal or calendar year. At a minimum, the report must contain:

(1) A schedule of the securities issued during the reporting period including a detailed description of the final agreements;

(2) A description of the use of proceeds stating the amounts used for each purpose allowed by RCW 80.08.030;

(3) The level of expenses for each of the securities transactions for the reporting period;

(4) A schedule of securities retired, refunded, repurchased, or otherwise removed from the utility's capitalization; and

(5) A schedule of securities scheduled to mature in the fiscal or calendar year following the reporting period.