

November 7, 2000

TO: All Telecommunications Companies

FROM: Bob Shirley, 360-664-1292

RE : Small Business Economic Impact Statement
UT-990146 Regulatory Review of chapter 480-120 WAC

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission requests your assistance in the preparation of the Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) in rulemaking Docket No. UT-990146, Regulatory Review of chapter 480-120 WAC. The SBEIS is a requirement of Washington's Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW and is intended to focus the agency's attention on the economic impact of proposed rules on affected businesses, involve affected businesses in developing rules, and minimize any disproportionate impact of rules on small businesses. Your assistance is appreciated.

Before adopting a rule that will impose more than minor costs on an industry, the Commission is asked to analyze the compliance costs for both large and small businesses (including lost sales and revenue), involve small businesses in the development of the rule, take feasible steps to reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses, and prepare a Small Business Economic Impact Statement. A "small business" is any profit-making entity that has 50 or fewer employees.

In order to measure the impact on small businesses, the Commission also needs information from larger business. *The Commission requests that all telecommunications companies complete and return the SBEIS Questionnaire to the Commission not later than November 22, 2000.* A copy of the form in digital format is available on the Commission's web site, www.wutc.wa.gov.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Bob Shirley, Telecommunications Analyst, at 360-664-1292.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

SBEIS Questionnaire for All Telecommunications Companies

Regulatory Review of Telecommunications Rules

Docket UT-990146

Company Name:

Company Contact:

Contact Telephone:

1. Does your company employ: Fewer than 51 people?____ More than 50?____

2. Would compliance with this rule cause a loss of sales? ____Yes ____No

Approximately how much? \$_____

If "Yes," what type of sales would be lost and why would those be lost?

3. Would compliance with this rule cause a loss of revenue? ____Yes ____No

Approximately how much? \$_____

If "yes," what type of revenue would be lost, and why would that revenue be lost?

4. Would sales increase? Yes____ No____

What type of sales would increase and approximately how much?

5. Would revenue increase? Yes____ No____

What type of revenue would increase and approximately how much?

6. Would expenses increase? Yes____ No____

What type of expenses would increase and approximately how much?

7. For the purposes of this rule, approximately how much would it cost your company to:

File a Tariff or Price List: \$_____

Notify Customers \$_____

Make Billing Changes\$_____

Other (please specify) \$_____

Thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Shirley at (360) 664-1292. You may FAX your response to (360) 586-1150.

PLEASE Return Questionnaire to the Commission not later than November 22, 2000.