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January 7, 2005

**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON  
PROPOSED RULES**

**(By Friday, January 28, 2005)**

**and**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING**

**(Set for Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: *Gas Pipeline Safety Rulemaking – Chapter 480-93 WAC,*  
Docket No. UG-011073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made toward the Commission's review of chapter 480-93 WAC relating to gas pipeline safety. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on changes to the proposed rules as filed with the Code Reviser in a Supplemental CR-102 proposed rulemaking, and participate in the formal adoption hearing on the rules proposed in the Supplemental CR-102.

On July 21, 2004, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser in WSR # 04-15-141. The Commission received comments on the proposed rules on August 27, 2004. Based on these comments, the Commission has made a number of changes to the proposed rules. On January 5, 2005, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (Supplemental CR-102) to modify language in WAC 480-93-100 and WAC 480-93-188, and to redefine the term "Business District," as well as to make minor changes to other rules suggested by those comments.

**NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the Supplemental CR-102 proposal not later than 5:00 p.m., January 28, 2005. The revised proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/011073](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/011073). The Commission will send you a paper copy of the revised proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.**

The Commission also requests comments from interested persons concerning whether the definition of Business District is sufficiently clear for purposes of complying with the rules.

**Electronic copies.** The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-011073)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/011073>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

**NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the Supplemental CR-102 proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 16, 2005. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Sondra Walsh. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at [swalsh@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:swalsh@wutc.wa.gov) or by calling 360-664-1286.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary