

Agenda Date: July 13, 2005
Item Number: C2

Docket: A-050802

Re: Rulemaking: chapter 480-07 WAC—Procedural Rules

Staff: Dennis Moss, Administrative Law Division

Recommendation:

Direct Commission staff to file a CR-101 to begin a rulemaking to consider revisions to chapter 480-07 WAC, the Commission's procedural rules.

Discussion:

Since the Commission's most recent revision of its procedural rules, which became effective January 1, 2004, Commission staff and interested persons outside the Commission have brought to the attention of the Administrative Law Division (ALD) a number of suggestions to improve the rules based on experience gained during the 18 months chapter 480-07 WAC has been effective. Discussions have been conducted both internally and with individuals who regularly appear before the Commission to conduct business, including individuals who participate in formal proceedings. Based on these discussions it now appears appropriate to open an investigation concerning whether incremental changes to the procedural rules should be made and, if so, what those changes should be.