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RULEMAKING ISSUES PAPER

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS (August 28, 2002)

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP (September 12, 2002)

RE: Passenger Transportation Company Rulemaking (Chapter 480-30 WAC and Chapter 480-40 WAC) Docket No. TC-020497

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 28, 2002, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to initiate a rulemaking to consider revisions to chapters 480-30 and 480-40 WAC. The companies affected by this rulemaking include auto transportation companies (those motor carriers providing service over regular routes or between fixed termini), passenger charter carriers, and passenger excursion carriers.

ISSUES PAPER

Commission Staff has drafted a Rulemaking Issues Paper to present stakeholders with a series of issues and proposals for discussion at the initial workshop scheduled for September 12, 2002. No rule drafting will be done until stakeholders have had an opportunity to comment.

The issues paper is being distributed to stakeholders and is intended as a tool:

- to notify stakeholders of the staff proposals regarding issues.
- to allow stakeholders to form responses to the staff proposals.
- to allow stakeholders to analyze staff proposals, present alternatives, or add additional topics not presented by staff.
- to stimulate and focus discussion.
- to seek input from stakeholders.

The rulemaking issues paper is available on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/020497. If you are unable to access the Commission's web site and would like a copy of the rulemaking issues paper mailed to you, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the rulemaking issue paper by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, August 28, 2002.

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that you provide your comments in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (WordPerfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (TC-020497)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- * The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov; if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. 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>.

WORKSHOP

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to discuss passenger transportation company rulemaking issues at the stakeholder workshop scheduled for 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 12, 2002. This workshop will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

If you have questions about this notice or about this rulemaking, you may contact the Rulemaking Lead, Bonnie Allen, by e-mail at ballen@wutc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1226.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary