



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (March 2008)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 07-16-060 and 07-21-147 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
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- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: Chapter 480-93 WAC: Gas Companies – Safety. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) has identified several rules in Chapter 480-93 WAC that need to be updated to establish consistency with statutory changes made to RCW Title 80 and 81 resulting from the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5225 during the 2007 legislative session. This rulemaking will provide amendments to update definitions and in addition update the penalty rule WAC 480-93-223 to be consistent with federal law, delete a requirement in WAC 480-93-200, modify the quarterly fee installment dates in WAC 480-93-240(3) and update the reference date in the adoption by reference rule WAC 480-93-999(1)(a). The rulemaking has been assigned Docket PG-070975.

Hearing location(s):
 Commission's Hearing Room 206
 Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building
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 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Submit written comments to:
 Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 Address: P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250
 e-mail records@utc.wa.gov Please include Docket PG-070975 in your communication.
 fax (360) 586-1150 by (date) April 25, 2008

Date of Hearing: May 15, 2008, at 1:30 p.m.

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Mary DeYoung by Tuesday, May 13, 2008
 TTY (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

Date of intended adoption: May 15, 2008
 (Note: This is NOT the effective date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:
 The proposed amendments are intended to update current rules to reflect changes in RCW Title 80 and 81 resulting from the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5225 during the 2007 legislative session. The changes provide updated definitions in WAC 480-93-005 for "gas pipeline company" and the addition of two new definitions "Emergency notification line" and a definition for "Line pipe or pipe." The change in definition for "gas pipeline company" is applicable to most of the rules in Chapter 480-93 WAC. In addition, WAC 480-93-007 "Application of rules" adds to the title "responsibility for contractors" and a new section (3) defining a company's responsibility for its contractors. Deletion of the existing WAC 480-93-200 (1)(g) eliminates the requirement to report an incident based solely on news media coverage. WAC 480-93-223 increases the penalty amounts to be consistent with federal law, WAC 480-93-240(3) changes the quarterly fee installment dates, and WAC 480-93-999(1)(a) updates the version date for the adoption by reference of federal rules. In addition rule language has been modified from the passive to active voice.

Reasons supporting proposal: With the passage of Substitute Senate Bill 5225, Chapter 480-93 WAC must reflect the statutory changes to be consistent with state law. In addition, UTC Staff and stakeholders have discovered areas of the rules that call for minor correction, updates, deletion, and revision. This proposal would address those areas.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 80.01.040(4) and RCW .81.88.065

Statute being implemented: N/A

- Is rule necessary because of a:**
- Federal Law? Yes No
 - Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 - State Court Decision? Yes No
- If yes, CITATION:

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 Executive Secretary

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

Name of proponent: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

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No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed corrections and changes to rules will not result in or impose an increase in costs. Because there will not be any increase in costs resulting from the proposed rule changes, an SBEIS is not required under RCW 19.85.030(1)

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

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No: Please explain: The UTC is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rules are not significant legislative rules of the sort reference in RCW 34.05.328(5).