



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 01-17-048; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR
- Continuance of WSR 05-02-096

Title of rule and other identifying information:

Chapter 480-93 WAC, Gas Companies - Safety. WUTC Docket No. UG-011073.

Hearing location(s):

Commission Hearing Room 206
Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504

March 31, 2005, 1:30 p.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: Carole J. Washburn, Secretary
Address: P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250
e-mail records@wutc.wa.gov
fax (360) 586-1150 by December 22, 2004
Please include Docket No. UG-011073 in your communication.

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Mary DeYoung by March 29, 2005

TTY(360)-586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

Date of intended adoption: March 31, 2005

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The proposed rules are intended to ensure the safety of gas pipeline operations and to promote safety for the citizens of Washington state from the hazards of gas pipeline operations. The proposed rules are intended to implement the requirements of Executive Order 97-02, requiring agencies to review significant rules for need; effectiveness and efficiency; clarity; intent and statutory authority; cost and fairness. The proposal repeals some of the existing rules that are no longer necessary, adds rules to clarify existing federal rules which the Commission adopts by reference, and includes new rules that are more stringent than federal rules, such as adding "new construction" as an activity included as a covered task. The proposed rules include new rules for defining "timeframes" used through out the chapter, and addressing protection of exposed plastic pipe.

The purpose of this continuance of WSR# 05-02-096 is to provide notice of a change in the adoption and hearing dates for this rulemaking from March 16, 2005, to March 31, 2005.

Reasons supporting proposal:

Statutory authority for adoption:

Statute being implemented:

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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March 1, 2005, 1:20 p.m.

WSR 05-06-064

DATE
MARCH 1, 2005

NAME
CAROLE J. WASHBURN

SIGNATURE

TITLE
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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

Name of proponent: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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

Yes. A copy of the small business economic impact statement was filed with the initial CR-102 in WSR # 04-15-141.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:
 Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
 Address: Records Center, Docket No. UG-011073
 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. S.W.
 P.O. Box 47250
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250
 phone (360) 664-1286
 fax (360) 664-1150
 e-mail swalsh@wutc.wa.gov

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

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

Name:
 Address:

 phone () _____
 fax () _____
 e-mail _____

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