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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP QUESTIONS

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Possible Changes to Rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC,
Relating to Service Obligations of Telephone Companies, Docket UT-180831

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 23, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible additions or modifications to certain sections in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) Chapter 480-120, Telephone Companies. The Commission received initial written comments from stakeholders in response to questions posed in the notice of this rulemaking, and the Commission will conduct a workshop on January 17, 2019.

In addition to addressing issues raised in the written comments, the Commission requests that stakeholders be prepared to provide information at the workshop in response to the following questions:

- (1) How many line extensions have telecommunications companies subject to WAC 480-120-071 constructed on an annual basis over the last five years?
 - a. What is the average length of those line extensions?
 - b. What is the average cost of those line extensions?
 - c. Did any of those line extensions exceed 1,000 feet in length?
- (2) How does a company determine whether a line extension is “economically viable” or “financially prudent”? How should the Commission make such a determination?

- (3) Do developers have any legal obligation to include telecommunications facilities in their developments (e.g., state, county, or city requirements comparable to obligations to provide electrical, water, and sewer facilities)?
- (4) What costs do developers incur to have telecommunications facilities constructed in their developments?

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov.

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