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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP  
(To be held Tuesday, August 12, 2003)**

RE: Remote Control Locomotive Operations,  
Docket No. TR-021465

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Thank you for your thoughtful comments about the Commission Staff's draft of WAC 480-62-320, prepared to facilitate discussion in the Commission's inquiry into the use of Remote Controlled Locomotives (RCL) in Washington State. This letter provides information on how you can continue to participate in this rulemaking.

**On Tuesday, August 12, 2003, we will hold a workshop on this matter beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Room 206 at the Commission's offices located at 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.** The agenda for this meeting appears on the back of this letter. If you are interested in attending, you may obtain directions to our office at our website, [www.wutc.wa.gov](http://www.wutc.wa.gov). You may also obtain these by calling the Commission's Record Center at (360) 664-1234.

If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to participate in the workshop via teleconference. You may reserve a call-in port by calling Margret Kaech at (360) 664-1140.

The purpose of the workshop is to discuss Staff's draft of WAC 480-62-320. Specifically, discussion at the workshop will focus on the following questions concerning each subsection of the draft rule:

1. Can the draft rule be written to address safety concerns more effectively?
2. As written, does the draft rule create an excessive burden? If so, how could the draft rule be modified?
3. Are there alternative ways to meet the safety concern without adopting a rule?

You can obtain more information regarding this rulemaking proceeding by going to the Commission's website at <<http://www.wutc.wa.gov>>. By clicking on the "Rulemaking" button on the left of the page, and then selecting the "Remote Control Locomotive Rulemaking" listing a page devoted to the RCL proceeding will be displayed. The RCL page contains links to other relevant documents, including all comments filed by interested persons.

Thank you again for your comments about Remote Controlled Locomotives. If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Mike Rowswell at [mrowswel@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:mrowswel@wutc.wa.gov) or (360) 664-1265.

Sincerely,

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Secretary