

[Service Date July 28, 2011]

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE LETTER
OF INTENT TO PARTICIPATE
(By Friday, August 5, 2011)**

RE: Rulemaking to Implement Chapter 214, Laws of 2011, Regulating Wastewater Companies, Docket US-111021

Dear UTC Regulated Water Company:

During the 2011 legislative session, the Legislature passed SSB 5034 (attached), which establishes a new regulatory program within the Commission. Beginning in July 2012, the Commission will be issuing certificates to, and regulating, private wastewater companies that provide on-site sewerage services to developments with 100 or more customers. To implement this legislation, the Commission will be considering and adopting regulations during the coming year.

The Commission issued a notice of rulemaking on July 1, 2011. I am also contacting you by letter because you are a water company regulated by the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission), and may in the future be interested in providing private sewerage service.

The new law requires that for this rulemaking, wastewater companies and other private entities interested in providing sewerage services should help cover the costs of the rulemaking project. While any person interested in providing input into the rulemaking may do so without contributing money – the contributions are voluntary – you will also see that the Commission asked those companies or private entities interested in assisting with the funding to send us a letter of intent by July 20, 2011. Because of the delay in sending this letter, we are extending that deadline to August 5, 2011.

If you want to participate in the rulemaking but do not want to participate financially, please still contact us following the instructions in the notice.

If you have questions about the legislation or the rulemaking, please contact Chris Rose, Policy Advisor, via email at crose@utc.wa.gov or by telephone at 360-664-1303.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary

Attachments