

Supplemental Small Business Economic Impact Statement Questionnaire

In light of the Commission's decision to continue analysis of proposed rule numbers WAC 480-90-123 and WAC 480-90-153, we wish to provide a further opportunity for your participation in the task of quantifying, to the extent possible, the direct and indirect costs of the two draft rules circulated with this package of materials. We believe it will be both worthwhile for you and helpful to us if you provide a detailed response to our questions. However, if you find that you cannot respond in detail, we ask that you contact Yohannes Mariam at (360) 664-1316 to discuss other ways you can assist us in this undertaking. Among other things, we will use the information you provide to prepare a Supplemental Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS). To maximize the value of the information you provide, we ask that you furnish your response (text and tables) in hard copy and electronic versions.

Considering each new revised rule now under consideration in Docket UG 990294:

1. Please identify by new or revised draft rule WAC number what modification of existing operating practices or adoption of a new operating practice, if any, each rule will make necessary. With respect to each such draft rule please, provide your assessment of how it may affect your business.
2. For each new or revised draft rule, please indicate the WAC number and provide a description or list of:
 - (i) any cost savings the rule might promote,
 - (ii) any new costs the rule might impose, and
 - (iii) any non-monetary costs or benefits that might result from the rule.
3. Estimate of benefits: For each new or revised draft rule described or listed in response to question number 2(i), please provide:
 - (a) your best estimate of direct and indirect quantifiable benefits, and
 - (b) an assessment of how these benefits may change over time.Please, note that the benefits may include a possible reduction in informal complaints, formal complaints, and litigation that might otherwise be experienced in the absence of the rule.
4. Estimate of costs: For each revised draft rule described or listed in response to the question number 2(ii), please provide your best estimate of quantifiable direct and indirect costs. If possible, these costs should be broken down into: capital costs (major investment such as production capital costs), operating and maintenance costs (further broken into sub-accounts which includes but not limited to human capital costs such as administrative and government, professional or consultants, laborers, etc., costs; operating cost; maintenance cost), and opportunity costs. Please identify each cost item as fixed, variable, average or incremental, state whether the costs are anticipated to be one-time costs or periodic costs (*e.g.*, monthly, cyclical, or annual). Please state each anticipated cost in appropriate units (*e.g.*, \$/yr, \$/hr, \$/customer, \$/therm).

5. For each estimate of benefits and costs (in 3 and 4 above), please describe the data and methodology used for the calculations, citing any engineering cost estimating manual or other guidelines used to prepare your estimates.
6. Non-monetary costs or benefits: For each new or revised draft rule described or listed in response to the question number 2(iii), please provide a narrative description of the nature of the cost and/or benefit and its anticipated impact on your company.
7. For each estimate of benefits and costs, please indicate the annual frequency or number of times that customers from each service class (residential, commercial, and industrial) may utilize each rule in order to assess the expected annual cost per customer per rule.