May 5, 2005

RE: Gas Pipeline Safety Rulemaking – Chapter 480-93 WAC Docket No. UG-011073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission is pleased to enclose the Commission's rules in chapter 480-93 WAC, relating to gas pipeline safety, developed from the rulemaking activity in Docket No. UG-011073.

Also enclosed is the Commission's Order Amending, Adopting, and Repealing Rules permanently. The Commission filed the Order with the Code Reviser on May 2, 2005. It will be effective on the 31st day following filing.

RCW 34.05.325 requires that the Commission prepare and provide to commenters a concise explanatory statement about an adopted rule.

In this docket, to avoid unnecessary duplications, the Commission has designated the discussion in the order as its concise explanatory statement, supplemented where not inconsistent by the staff memoranda presented at the adoption hearing and at the open meeting where the Commission considered whether to begin a rulemaking and whether to propose adoption of specific language. Together, the documents provide a complete but concise explanation of the agency's actions and its reasons for taking those actions. We include all of those documents for commenters' information.

Please direct any questions about the rules to Sondra Walsh of the Commission Staff at (360) 664-1286 or e-mail at <u>swalsh@wutc.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures