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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(To be held Thursday, November 10, 2005, 9:30 a.m.)

RE: *Rulemaking to Consider Possible Corrections and Changes in Rules in Chapter 480-07 WAC, Relating to Procedural Rules.*
Docket No. A-050802

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 15, 2005, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible corrections and changes to the rules in chapter 480-07 WAC, relating to procedural rules. By Notice dated July 20, 2005, the Commission requested comments on correcting, changing, and/or clarifying the rules relating to procedural rules to be filed by August 26, 2005. At the same time, the Commission posted to its web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/050802 a list of possible rules changes.

A number of interested persons met with the Commission on July 22, 2005, and commented on the possible need for a revision to settlement rules that would govern Commission Staff's ability to negotiate with other parties in adjudicative proceedings. A number of interested persons submitted comments to the Commission on possible rule changes. Having reviewed these comments, the Commission finds it appropriate to convene a workshop to further address the possible rule changes and issues identified in comments.

WORKSHOP. The Commission will convene a workshop on **Thursday, November 10, 2005, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. You may reserve a line by calling Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139. An agenda for the workshop, all comments received to date, and a summary of comments on settlement process at the Commission's July

Bench-Bar Conference will be posted to the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/050802. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the agenda, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

The workshop will be divided into three parts: receiving further comment on possible changes to the rules regarding settlements, for which the commissioners will be present; receiving comment on possible changes to rules relating to confidential treatment and protective orders; and all other rules. The Commission will proceed separately and give priority to considering possible rules or rule amendments relating to settlements, and is considering proceeding separately with regard to rules relating to confidentiality and protective orders.

If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Dennis Moss at dmoos@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1164.

Sincerely,

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Executive Secretary