



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

CR-101 (June 2004)
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Subject of possible rule making: In this rulemaking the Utilities and Transportation Commission will consider modifications to, or elimination of, the requirement that local exchange companies provide each customer a copy of a telephone directory for the customer's exchange area, as described in WAC 480-120-251. The rulemaking has been assigned Docket UT-120451.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.160.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: Due to changes in technology, the number of people who rely on printed directories of telephone numbers has decreased significantly and continues to decline. Telephone numbers are readily available on the Internet, which an increasing number of consumers access in place of printed directories. Communities are also concerned with the environmental impact of printed directories, and local governments are beginning to encourage their citizens to forgo these directories as a means of reducing waste and the expense created by directory disposal. This rulemaking seeks to accommodate these concerns and customer usage patterns to more carefully tailor regulatory requirements to consumer and community needs.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:
None

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

Negotiated rule making

Pilot rule making

Agency study

Other (describe) The Commission will ask for initial written comments, and will provide the opportunity to provide additional written comments on draft rules and proposed CR-102 rules prior to adoption.

How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

Interested persons may file comments with the Executive Director and Secretary, Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, WA 98504-7250; Telephone (360) 664-1174; Fax (360) 586-1150, by 5:00 p.m., **Monday, May 21, 2012**. For specific information regarding opportunities for written comments and to ensure receipt of further information concerning this rulemaking, please see the attachment to this form.

DATE
April 18, 2012

NAME (TYPE OR PRINT)
David W. Danner

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Executive Director and Secretary

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Interested persons may contact the Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, 360-664-1174 (Fax: 360-586-1150).

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address given above and should be filed with the Commission no later than **Monday, May 21, 2012**.

Electronic copies. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-120451)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may (1) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, (2) e-mail the Commission at [<records@utc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov), or (3) mail written comments to the address above to the attention of David W. Danner, Executive Director and Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UT-120451 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. Questions may be addressed to John Cupp, at (360) 664-1113 or e-mail at jcupp@utc.wa.gov.

NOTICE

TO CONTINUE RECEIVING NOTICES AND INFORMATION ABOUT THIS RULEMAKING -- The Commission wants to ensure its mailings are sent to persons who are interested in the topic and want to receive that information. **ANY PERSON WHO COMMENTS** will continue to receive notices and information. If you do not submit comments but wish to remain on the mailing list for this rulemaking, please advise the Records Center by any one of the following methods: (1) send a note with your name, address (or a copy of your mailing label), and telephone and fax numbers referencing Docket UT-120451, and the words "Please keep me on the mailing list"; or (2) E-mail your name, address, telephone and fax numbers, referencing Docket UT-120451, and the words "Please keep me on the mailing list" to <records@utc.wa.gov>. Please note that all information in the mailings will be accessible through the Commission's Internet web site at <<http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451>>. **THOSE INTERESTED PERSONS WHO DO NOT RESPOND MAY NOT RECEIVE FURTHER MAILINGS OR INFORMATION ON THE RULEMAKING.**