



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: The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiates this rulemaking to consider a rule to address standards for restoral of telecommunications service following an outage, excluding major outages. The new rule would also address notice requirements related to planned outages.

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:

In General Order R-587 in a previous rulemaking, filed under Docket No. UT-160196, the Commission committed to opening another rulemaking to consider the appropriate standards for restoring regulated telecommunications services following outages and how and when companies must notify customers of planned service interruptions.

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 for stakeholders to submit additional written comments on 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:

Interested persons may file comments with the Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, PO Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250; Telephone (360) 664-1234; Fax (360) 586-1150, email at records@utc.wa.gov, or through the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing by **5:00 p.m., March 6, 2017**. 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
January 31, 2017

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