

November 4, 2005

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULE  
(By Wednesday, November 23, 2005)  
and  
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(Set for Tuesday, December 6, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: *Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-140-020, relating to who must file budgets with the Commission*  
Docket No. UT-051261 and Docket No. UW-051287

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to provide notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule and participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On November 1, 2005, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser. The proposal makes changes to WAC 480-140-020 by eliminating the requirement for telecommunications companies and water companies to file annual budgets with the Commission. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

**NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rule to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, November 23, 2005. The proposed rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/051261](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051261) and**

[www.wutc.wa.gov/051287](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287). The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

**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 by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-051261 and UW-051287)
- 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.wutc.wa.gov/051261> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

**NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rule at 9:30 a.m., Tuesday, December 6, 2005. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Information about 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@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov), or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UT-051261 and UW-051287 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
P O Box 47250  
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Betty Erdahl. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by e-mail at [berdahl@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:berdahl@wutc.wa.gov), or by calling 360-664-1283.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary