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July 31, 2018

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES (By Friday, August 31, 2018)

and

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Monday, September 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking to Make Corrections and Changes in Rules in WAC 480-04, Access to Public Information and Records, Docket A-180513

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposes to adopt amendments to the rules in WAC Chapter 480-04, Public Access to Information and Records. The Commission provides interested persons with the opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, September 10, 2018.

On August 1, 2018, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed rules would add to, revise, or repeal the current rules WAC Chapter 480-04 for greater clarity and to reflect new statutory authority and current Commission practice. The Commission has reviewed comments on draft rules from stakeholders and now proposes rules subject to review and comment by interested persons. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/180513</u>. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The commission gives notice of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and Secretary by electronic transmission no later than <u>5 p.m., Friday, August 31, 2018.</u> Comments must be in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format and must include the following information:

- The docket number of this proceeding (A-180513).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

You may submit comments via the Commission's web portal at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing</u> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <u>records@utc.wa.gov</u>. Alternatively, you may submit a flash drive, DVD, or compact disk that contains the comments to the Records Center by mail or hand delivery. The Commission's mailing address is:

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The Commission will post all comments it receives on its website located at <u>www.utc.wa.gov/180513</u>.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption on **Monday, September 10, 2018, at 9:30 a.m.** This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Questions? If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Gregory J. Kopta. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by email at <u>gregory.kopta@utc.wa.gov</u>, or by calling (360) 664-1355.

MARK L. JOHNSON Executive Director and Secretary