PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Subject of possible rule making: This rulemaking concerns potential changes to current rules in Washington Administrative Code **(WAC) 480-70** applicable to solid waste customer notice rules, including revising customer notice delivery methods to allow electronic customer notices, update both commission and company suggested language and provide forty-five calendar day notice to both the Commission and the public to be consistent with **RCW 81.28.050**.

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 81.04.160, 81.77.020, and 80.01.040.

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: RCW 80.01.040 and 81.77.020 task the Commission with regulating the provision of solid waste collection service. The Commission has enacted rules regarding the provision of solid waste collection service in Chapter 480-70, WAC.

The Commission finds that incorporating the above revisions to the Commissions' solid waste rules will create communication efficiencies for regulated companies. For example, authorizing electronic customer notices could streamline customer notification and reduce administrative costs for regulated companies.

Additionally, certain solid waste notice requirements contained in current rules may conflict with statutory authority. The Commission intends to address those potential conflicts in this rulemaking..

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies: Not Applicable

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

- ☐ Negotiated rule making
- ☐ Pilot rule making
- ☐ Agency study
- ☒ Other (describe) The UTC uses a collaborative rulemaking process that includes stakeholder workshops, formal comments, and draft rules

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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