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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By January 13, 2023)**

and

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND
TO SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT QUESTIONNAIRE
(Due by January 13, 2023)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider revisions to insurance and safety regulations governing the operation of motor common carriers, household goods carriers, auto transportation companies, non-profit transportation providers, charter party and excursion service carriers, and solid waste collection companies in chapters 480-14, 480-15, 480-30, 480-31, and 480-70 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC), Docket T-220252.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 15, 2022, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a CR-101 to consider revisions to Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-15, WAC 480-30, and WAC 480-70, which are safety rules that govern household goods, passenger transportation, and solid waste collection companies.

On October 11, 2022, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser an amended CR-101, indicating that the Commission would also consider revisions to WAC 480-14 and WAC 480-31 regarding surplus lines insurance for motor common carrier and non-profit transportation providers. The same day, the Commission provided a Notice of Opportunity to File Written Comments to the amended CR-101.

Commission staff (Staff) prepared a set of draft rules related to insurance and safety regulations governing the operation of motor common carriers, household goods carriers, auto transportation companies, non-profit transportation providers, charter party and excursion service carriers, and solid waste collection companies and now invites interested persons to provide feedback on

those draft rules. The draft rules are posted on the Commission's website at the following address: <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252>.

COMMENTS ON DRAFT RULES

By this Notice, the Commission provides interested persons an opportunity to comment on the draft rules prepared by Staff. Written comments on the draft rules must be filed with the Commission **no later than January 13, 2023**.

COMMENTS REGARDING INCLUSIVE LANGUAGE

The commission is committed to incorporating principles of equity, diversity, and inclusion in all that it does. This includes carefully considering the language used in our communications by working to remove racist and non-inclusive language in our collective vocabulary and workplace documents. Words that reflect racial and other discriminatory biases are contrary to the values of the Commission, undermine our commitment to equity, and harm Black, Indigenous, and people of color and other under-represented communities.

The commission invites interested persons to comment on any language that might be racist or non-inclusive within the draft rules prepared by Staff. Comments must be filed with the Commission **no later than January 13, 2023**.

RESPONSES TO SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT QUESTIONNAIRE

In addition to comments on the draft rules, the Commission requests that companies that would be affected by the proposed changes to WAC chapters 480-14, 480-15, 480-30, 480-31, and 480-70 offer information concerning whether those rules create additional costs for their company. The cost information provided concerning these draft rules assists the Commission while it prepares a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) and assesses the possible costs of the rules.

Washington's Regulatory Fairness Act, chapter 19.85 RCW, is intended to focus an agency's attention on the economic impact of proposed rules on affected businesses, involve affected businesses in developing rules, and minimize any disproportionate impact of the rules on small businesses.

Before adopting a rule that will impose more than minor costs on an industry, the Commission must analyze the compliance costs for **both large and small** businesses (including lost sales or revenue), involve small businesses in the development of the rule, take feasible steps to reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses, and prepare an SBEIS. A "small business" is any profit-making entity that has 50 or fewer employees.

The Commission requests that interested persons submit to the Commission **no later than January 13, 2023**, their analysis of whether the draft rules impose a cost impact on the company. Please include your company name, company contact person, contact phone number, company email address, and the number of people your company employs. For each draft rule for which you identify a cost impact, please provide, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Identify the rule number, i.e., WAC 480-14-XXX, of the draft proposed rule that you identify as having a cost impact.
2. Identify whether there is any change from the current rule to the draft proposed rule that creates an **additional** cost impact on the company.
3. Explain why there will be a cost impact on the company.
4. Provide a detailed analysis of how you calculated the cost impact of each draft rule you identify as having a cost impact.
5. Identify any draft proposed rule that may create a cost savings to the company compared to the current rule.

FILING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250, written comments on draft rules and responses to the SBEIS questionnaire must be submitted to the Commission in electronic form. As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), you must submit those responses via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit them via email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Submissions should include:

- The docket numbers of this proceeding (Docket T-220252).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all written comments and responses to the SBEIS on its website at <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252>.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact Staff, Mathew Perkinson, by email at mathew.perkinson@utc.wa.gov.

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