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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ORAL COMMENTS ON DRAFT RULE PROPOSAL (Set for 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2004)

RE: Rulemaking to Review Water Company Jurisdictional Threshold in WAC 480-110-255, Jurisdiction, Docket No. UW-040375

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff has completed a draft proposal that would increase the jurisdictional threshold for water companies by amending WAC 480-110-255, Jurisdiction. RCW 80.04.010 allows the Commission to increase the jurisdictional threshold based on an inflation standard determined by the U.S. Department of Commerce. The draft proposal is based on the statutory standard and written comments from stakeholders. The draft rule is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/040375. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the draft proposal mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

ORAL COMMENT

The Commission will hear oral comment on the draft rule proposal at **9:30 a.m.**, **Wednesday, September 22, 2004, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.** If the Commission approves the proposal, it will file a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser, and will notice the proposal for stakeholder comment.

Information about the 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

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Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234, (2) e-mail the Commission at <<u>records@wutc.wa.gov></u>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UW-040375 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 S.W. P.O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

If your have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Danny Kermode at (360) 664-1253 or e-mail at <u>dkermode@wutc.wa.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary