December 8, 2010

NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL OF RULEMAKING

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Modification of Existing Rules for Access to Public Records, Docket A-101474

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 22, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the need to develop new rules and/or modify existing rules in WAC 480-04 (Public Access to Information and Records) to reflect recodification of the Public Records Act into RCW 42.56, address additional legislative changes to the public Records Act, and to improve the clarify the agency's internal processes regarding public records.

On November 17, 2010, Governor Gregoire signed Executive Order 10-06 suspending and limiting the state rule making process to help small businesses and local governments as the state continues its economic recovery. Governor Gregoire has directed state agencies to suspend development and adoption of non-critical rules until December 31, 2011.

The Commission has determined, based on guidelines for implementing the Executive Order provided by the Office of Financial Management, to close this proceeding without taking further action. The Commission appreciates the stakeholders' participation in this rulemaking inquiry and will revisit these rules in 2012.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary