April 6, 2001

RE: Utility General -Tariffs, Chapter 480-80 WAC

Docket No. U-991301

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission is pleased to enclose WAC 480-80, the Commission's rules regarding tariffs, developed from the rulemaking activity in Docket No. U-991301.

Also enclosed is the Commission's Order Repealing, Amending, and Adopting Rules permanently. The Commission filed the Order with the Code Reviser on April 4, 2001. It will be effective on the 31st day following filing.

RCW 34.05.325 requires that the Commission prepare and provide to commenters a concise explanatory statement about an adopted rule.

In this docket, to avoid unnecessary duplications, the Commission has designated the discussion in the order as its concise explanatory statement, supplemented where not inconsistent by the staff memoranda presented at the adoption hearing and at the open meetings where the Commission considered whether to begin a rulemaking and whether to propose adoption of specific language. Together, the documents provide a complete but concise explanation of the agency's actions and its reasons for taking those actions. We include all of those documents for commenters' information.

Please direct any questions about the rule to Fred Ottavelli of the Commission Staff at 360-664-1297 or fottavel@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Secretary

Enclosures