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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES**

(Due Wednesday, September 22, 2004)

and

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING

(Set for Wednesday, October 13, 2004, 1:30 p.m.)

RE: Rulemaking to consider Financial Reporting Rules.
Docket Nos. A-021178 and TO-030288

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the status of the Commission's rulemaking to consider financial records and reporting rules in WAC Chapters 480-70 (Solid Waste and/or Refuse Collection Companies), 480-73 (Pipeline Companies), 480-90 (Gas Companies), 480-92 (Low-Level Radioactive Waste), 480-100 (Electric Companies), 480-110 (Water Companies), and 480-120 (Telecommunications Companies). This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On September 1, 2004, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in these dockets with the Code Reviser. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 22, 2004.

The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/021178 and www.wutc.wa.gov/030288. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

In addition to any comments you may have, we are interested in your comments on the items listed below.

- **Specific problems that will result from the requirement to file general information on anticipated financings five days before the securities are issue, even if kept confidential. If there are objections to the proposed rules, we would appreciate comments from those with professional expertise (e.g. bond counsel).**
- **Examples of transactions in the last 12 months that would have been affected by the proposed rules.**

Electronic copies. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format—to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (A-021178 or TO-030288)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/021178> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/030288>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the rules proposed for adoption at 1:30 p.m.,

Wednesday, October 13, 2004. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Information about 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 Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, 2) e-mail the Commission at <records@wutc.wa.gov>, or 3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. A-021178 or TO-030288 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 SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Sharyn Bate at (360) 664-1295 or e-mail at <sbate@wutc.wa.gov> or Fred Ottavelli at (360) 664-1297 or e-mail at <fottavel@wutc.wa.gov>.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary