

April 30, 2001

**NOTICE OF RULEMAKING WORKSHOP
ON PROPOSED EMERGENCY RULE CONCERNING NOTICE OF
CESSATION OF CERTAIN TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES
(May 8, 2001)**

RE: Docket No. UT-010558—Emergency Rulemaking
WAC 480-120-083 Cessation of Certain Telecommunications Services

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission will hold a rulemaking workshop to discuss an emergency rulemaking concerning proposed WAC 480-120-083, Cessation of Certain Telecommunications Services. A copy of the proposed emergency rule is included with this Notice.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

We encourage your attendance and participation in the stakeholder workshop to discuss this rule. The workshop will be held **Tuesday, May 8, 2001** in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, **beginning at 1:30 p.m.** Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

ALTERNATIVE RULE LANGUAGE AND WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission also invites interested persons to submit written comments and to propose alternative draft rule language. Proposing specific alternative draft rule language in conjunction with written comments will assist staff in understanding the nature of any concerns that may be raised by comments. Written comments and alternative draft rule language should be submitted **no later than 11:00 a.m., May 7, 2001.** Responses may be Faxed to 360-586-1150.

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Also send us the text in your

choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later) and include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (UT-010558)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- * The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. 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>>. 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 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 above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UT-010558 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

Your comments are important to the Commission in reviewing the proposed language for an emergency rule. If the Commission adopts an emergency rule, it will also pursue a permanent rule, and will welcome participation of interested persons.

If you have questions about the emergency rule, or about the rulemaking process in general, you may contact Bob Shirley. He may be reached by surface mail at the address on this notice, by e-mail at bshirley@wutc.wa.gov, or by calling 360-664-1292.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

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