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**NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO
PETITION FOR RULEMAKING
(Due by Tuesday, December 5, 2023)**

and

**NOTICE EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
(Due by Tuesday, December 5, 2023)**

RE: *In the Matter of the Rulemaking Petition Submitted by SMART Transportation
Division, Docket TR-230876*

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 9, 2023, SMART Transportation Division (SMART) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for Rulemaking (Petition), which was assigned to Docket TR-230876. The Petition requests that the Commission initiate a rulemaking related to the experience requirements for employees of regulated railroad companies.

Per RCW 34.05.330, the Commission must either deny the Petition or initiate a rulemaking within 60 days. On October 31, 2023, the Commission issued a notice requiring that any responses to the Petition be filed on or before November 20, 2023, and requesting comments.

On November 20, 2023, SMART contacted Commission staff to request that the Commission extend the deadline for responses and comments, informing the Commission that there had been some confusion as to the process for commenting.

The Commission finds good cause to extend the deadline to respond to, or comment on, the Petition to December 5, 2023.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the Petition, pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing. If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (Docket TR-230876);
- The commenting party's name; and
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Petition and supporting documents can be found on the Commission's website at [UTC Case Docket Document Sets | UTC \(wa.gov\)](http://UTC Case Docket Document Sets | UTC (wa.gov)).¹ The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That responses or comments to SMART Transportation Division's Petition for rulemaking must be filed with the Commission no later than 5 p.m., Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

KATHY HUNTER
Acting Executive Director and Secretary

¹ <https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2023/230876/docsets>.