April 4, 2006

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES (By Thursday, May 4, 2006) and NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for Thursday, May 18, 2006, 1:30 p.m.)

RE: Procedural Rules, Chapter 480-07 WAC Docket No. A-050802

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket to clarify and modify the Commission's procedural rules to reflect experience since the rules became effective on January 1, 2004. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and to participate in the rule adoption hearing.

On March 31, 2006, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket addressing the need to clarify and modify the commission's procedural rules. This action initiated the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules 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 <u>5:00 p.m., Thursday, May 4, 2006</u>. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <u>www.wutc.wa.gov/050802</u>. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the proposed rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask. You can

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also find a narrative and stakeholder comments summary with Commission responses on the web site listed above.

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-050802).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ¹/₂ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in .doc MSWord 97 or later. Include all the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <u>http://www.wutc.wa.gov/050802</u>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments concerning possible adoption of the proposed rules at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2006. This hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The Commission will post information about the rulemaking, including comments, on its web site as information 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,

3) Mail written comments to the address below.

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Please refer to Docket No. A-050802 when contacting the commission to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive 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 Administrative Law Judge Ann Rendahl or Administrative Law Judge Dennis Moss. Judge Rendahl may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at <u>arendahl@wutc.wa.gov</u> or by calling 360-664-1144. Judge Moss may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at <u>dmoss@wutc.wa.gov</u> or by calling 360-664-1164.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary