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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON PROPOSED RULES (By April 14, 2023)

and

NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING (Set for June 7, 2023, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking pertaining updating motor carrier safety rules, Docket T-220252

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) provides this notice to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking Docket T-220252 concerning the adoption of proposed revisions to chapters 480-14, 480-15, 480-30, 480-31 and 480-70 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Specifically, these are revisions to insurance and safety regulations governing the operation of motor common carriers, household goods carriers, auto-transportation companies, non-profit transportation providers, charter party and excusion service carriers, and solid waste collection companies.

On July 15, 2022, the Commission filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101).

The Commission circulated draft rules, reviewed the comments it received and prepared proposed rules for adoption. The Commission also issued a Small Business Economic Impact Statement Questionnaire to obtain information on any economic impact of these rules on the companies. While the Commission received no responses to either questionnaire, the agency prepared a Small Business Economic Impact Statement addressing the changes proposed in the rule. The draft rules, comments, questionnaire, and SBEIS are available on the Commission's website at https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252.

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On March 29, 2023, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed rules would implement improved insurance and safety regulations governing the operation of regulated transportation companies. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's website at https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252. The CR-102 filing initiates the final phase of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and the Commission's decision.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission gives notice of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments must be filed with the Commission by **5 p.m. on April 14, 2023**. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-250, written comments on draft rules must be submitted to the Commission in electronic form. As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), you must submit those responses 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 them via 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 document(s) to be filed. Submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (Docket T-220252).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post all written comments on its website at https://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission will conduct a virtual public adoption hearing at **9:30 a.m. on June 7, 2023**. To participate by phone, call (253) 215-8782 and enter the Meeting ID: 869 0786 7570# and the Passcode: 783126#. To participate by Zoom, please use the following link: https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/86907867570?pwd=eUJocWxsSjhhMGhyeUxNaUtzUGJOUT09

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking please contact Mathew Perkinson by email at mathew.perkinson@utc.wa.gov or call (360) 701-1601.

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