

## **Subpart B: General Rate Proceedings**

**WAC 480-07-500 General rate proceedings--Statement of policy.** (1) **Scope of this subpart.** This subpart explains the special requirements for certain submissions to change rates charged by electric, natural gas, pipeline, telecommunications, and water companies, low-level radioactive waste sites, solid waste collection companies, and commercial ferries.

(2) **Inconsistencies with subpart A requirements.** If there is any inconsistency between the requirements in subpart B of these rules and those in subpart A, the requirements in subpart B control.

(3) **Purpose of special rules.** The special requirements in subpart B are designed to standardize presentations, clarify issues, and speed and simplify processing of general or limited rate proceedings.

(4) **Summary rejection for failure to comply.** The commission may reject any submission to initiate a general or limited rate proceeding that does not conform to the requirements of subpart B of these rules as provided in WAC 480-07-141. The commission will provide a written statement of its reasons for any such rejection. The company may revise its submission to remedy the noncompliance the commission has identified and otherwise fully comply with the rules, but the stated effective date of the tariffs must be based on the date the company makes the revised submission.

(5) **Less than statutory notice.** The commission may grant requests to alter tariffs on less than statutory notice for good cause shown, in accordance with RCW 80.28.060 or 81.28.050. A company that seeks to implement general rate proceeding tariff changes on less than statutory notice must include with its submission a complete explanation of the reasons that support such treatment.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 80.04.160. 03-24-028 (General Order R-510, Docket No. A-010648), § 480-07-500, filed 11/24/03, effective 1/1/04.]

**WAC 480-07-505 General rate proceedings--Definition; tariff suspension.** (1) **Submissions that initiate general rate proceedings.** Except as otherwise provided in this rule or RCW 80.04.130(2)(a) (governing rate decreases for telecommunications companies), the commission will initiate a general rate proceeding in response to a submission by any public service company identified in WAC 480-07-500 to change its rates if that submission meets any of the following criteria:

(a) The rates a company requests would alter its gross annual revenue from activities the commission regulates by three percent or more.

(b) The company requests a change in its authorized rate of return or a change in its capital structure.

(c) The company is a solid waste company regulated under

chapter 81.77 RCW.

(2) **Submissions under Title 80 RCW that will not initiate general rate proceedings.** The commission generally will not initiate general rate proceedings in response to the following submissions even though the revenue the company requests may vary by three percent or more from the company's current gross annual revenue from Washington regulated operations:

(a) Periodic rate adjustments the commission has generally authorized for electric and natural gas companies (e.g., power cost adjustments, purchased gas cost adjustments, or decoupling adjustments).

(b) Emergency or other rate increases a company requests on short notice as a result of disasters, adverse weather, or other causes beyond the company's control that unexpectedly and substantially increase a public service company's expenses.

(c) Rate changes designed to recover only the costs a company incurs to comply with government actions that directly impact the company's costs to provide regulated service (e.g., changes to tax laws or local fees).

(d) Submissions requesting limited rate proceedings pursuant to WAC 480-07-515 unless the commission exercises its discretion to review the submission as a general rate proceeding.

(3) **Submissions under chapter 81.77 RCW that do not initiate general rate proceedings.** The commission generally will not initiate general rate proceedings in response to the following submissions by solid waste collection companies

regulated under chapter 81.77 RCW even though the request may meet one or more criteria identifying general rate proceedings:

(a) Submissions by the following companies:

(i) Companies that provide specialized hauling services restricted to certain specific waste products that are limited to specific customers; or

(ii) Companies that provide only on-call or nonscheduled service (i.e., Class C companies, as defined in WAC 480-70-041);

(b) Submissions seeking only to pass-through an increase in disposal fees;

(c) Submissions for rate changes designed to recover only the costs a company incurs to comply with government actions that directly impact the company's costs to provide regulated service (e.g., changes to state or local taxes or fees);

(d) Submissions implementing new solid waste collection programs; or

(e) Submissions for periodic rate adjustments through a cost adjustment mechanism the commission has generally authorized for solid waste collection companies (e.g., fuel or recycling commodity adjustments).

(4) **Commission discretion.** The commission retains discretion to consider any submission described in this section as initiating a general rate proceeding or to convert any rate proceeding to a general rate proceeding. The commission may require that any submission or proposal by a public service company to change rates for any customer class, or to restructure rates, be subject to the procedures and protections

in subpart B of these rules.

(5) **Suspension of tariffs.** The commission may take action at a regularly scheduled open public meeting to suspend the tariff sheets included in any submission that seeks to change rates. A company may waive its right to commission consideration at an open meeting and request immediate suspension of the tariffs, either in the cover letter accompanying the submission or in a subsequent document. If staff confirms that the submission is complete and complies with the applicable rules in this subpart, the commission may enter a complaint and order suspending the tariffs without further process. The company and statutory parties may engage in discovery after the commission issues a notice of prehearing conference without waiting until the commission enters a prehearing conference order.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 80.04.160. 03-24-028 (General Order R-510, Docket No. A-010648), § 480-07-505, filed 11/24/03, effective 1/1/04.]

**WAC 480-07-510 General rate proceeding submissions--  
Electric, natural gas, pipeline, and telecommunications  
companies.** General rate proceeding submissions by electric, natural gas, pipeline, and telecommunications companies must include the information described in this section. The company and all parties to an adjudication in a general rate proceeding must submit all required documents in electronic form consistent

with the requirements in WAC 480-07-140. In addition, the parties must include five paper copies of all testimony and exhibits they submit for filing unless the commission establishes a different number.

(1) **Testimony and exhibits.** The company's initial submission for filing must include all testimony and exhibits the company intends to present as its direct case if the commission suspends the tariff changes and commences an adjudication. The company must serve a copy of the submission on the public counsel unit of the Attorney General's Office at the time the company makes the submission to the commission if the proceeding is the type in which public counsel generally appears or has appeared in the past. The submission must include a results-of-operations statement showing test year actual results and any restating and pro forma adjustments in columnar format supporting its general rate request. The company must also identify each restating and pro forma adjustment and the effect of that adjustment on the company's operations and rate of return. The testimony must include a written description of each proposed restating and pro forma adjustment describing the reason, theory, and calculation of the adjustment.

(2) **Tariff sheets.** The company's initial submission for filing must include the company's proposed new or revised tariff sheets in legislative format (i.e., with strike-through to indicate the material to be deleted or replaced and underlining to indicate the material to be inserted) and copies of any

tariff sheets that are referenced in the new or amended tariff sheets.

**(3) Work papers and accounting adjustments.**

(a) *General.* The company's initial submission for filing must include all work papers that support the company's rate change request and the direct testimony of each witness. Every party must submit for filing and serve work papers that support its position and the testimony of each of its witnesses when the party submits that testimony. All work papers must comply with the requirements of this subsection.

(b) *Referenced documents.* If a party's testimony, exhibits, or work papers refer to a document, including but not limited to a report, study, analysis, survey, article, or court or agency decision, that document must be included in the party's work papers; Provided that the party may include an official citation or link to a commission order or to a court opinion or other state or federal agency decision, rather than the document itself, if that decision is reported in a generally accepted publication (e.g., Washington Reports Second (Wn.2d), Public Utility Reports (P.U.R.), etc.) or if the document is readily available on the website of the agency that entered that decision.

(c) *Organization.* Work papers must be plainly identified and well organized, with different documents or sections separated by or into tabs, and must include an index. All work papers must be cross-referenced and include a description of the cross-referencing methodology.

(d) *Electronic documents and confidentiality.* Electronic files must be fully functional and include all formulas and linked spreadsheet files. Electronic files that support the exhibits and work papers must use logical file paths, as necessary, by witness and use identifying file names consistent with the naming requirements in WAC 480-07-140. A party may submit a document for filing with locked, hidden, or password protected cells only if such restricted access is necessary to protect the confidentiality of the information within the cells. The party must identify each locked, hidden, or password protected cell and must designate such cells, as well as any other information the party contends is confidential under RCW 80.04.095, in compliance with the requirements in WAC 480-07-160 and any protective order. The party must make such information accessible to all persons who have signed the protective order or are otherwise entitled to access the information, including but not necessarily limited to commission staff and public counsel.

(e) *Capital structure and rate of return.* The work papers the company submits for filing must include a detailed description of the development of any capital structure and rate of return proposals. Any other party that submits testimony or exhibits for filing that propose revisions to the company's proposals also must submit supporting work papers.

(f) *Restating and pro forma adjustments.* Each party that proposes restating or pro forma adjustments must submit work papers for filing that contain a detailed portrayal of the



restating and pro forma adjustments the party uses to support its proposal or position. That portrayal must specify all relevant assumptions and include specific references to charts of accounts, financial reports, studies, and all similar records on which the party relies. All work papers must include support for, and calculations showing, the derivation of each input number, subsequent level of detail, and all interstate and multiservice allocation factors.

(i) Restating adjustments adjust the booked operating results for any defects or infirmities in actual recorded results of operations that can distort test period earnings. Restating adjustments are also used to adjust from an as-recorded basis to a basis that the commission accepts for determining rates. Restating adjustments must be calculated based on the unadjusted test year operating results, not on another party's adjustments. The commission may refuse to consider any adjustment that is not calculated consistent with this requirement. Nonexclusive examples of restating adjustments are adjustments that

(A) remove prior period amounts;

(B) eliminate below-the-line items that were recorded as operating expenses in error;

(C) adjust from book estimates to actual amounts;

(D) annualize ongoing costs that the company began to incur part way through the test year;

(E) normalize weather or hydro conditions; or

(F) eliminate or normalize extraordinary items recorded

during the test period.

(ii) Pro forma adjustments give effect for the test period to all known and measurable changes that are not offset by other factors. The work papers must identify dollar values and underlying reasons for each proposed pro forma adjustment. Pro forma adjustments must be calculated based on the restated operating results.

(iii) If a party proposes to calculate an adjustment in a manner different than the method the commission most recently accepted or authorized for the company, the party must also submit work papers for filing that demonstrate how that adjustment would be calculated under the methodology previously accepted by the commission and explain the reason for the change. Commission approval of a settlement does not constitute commission acceptance of any underlying methodology unless the commission so states in the order approving the settlement.

(g) *Revenue sources.* The work papers must include a detailed portrayal of the company's revenue from regulated sources, by source, during the test year and the changes in those revenues if the commission approves the company's request, including an explanation of how the changes were derived.

(h) *Achievement of rate of return.* The company's work papers must include an explanation of why the company has not achieved its authorized rate of return and what tangible actions the company has taken prior to and during the test year to improve its earnings in addition to its request for increased rates. If the company has not taken any such actions, the

company must explain why it has not.

(i) *Rate base and results of operations.* The work papers must include a representation of the company's actual rate base and results of operations during the test period, calculated in the same manner the commission used to calculate the revenue requirement in the final order in the company's most recent general rate proceeding.

(j) *Affiliate and subsidiary transactions.* The company's work papers must supplement, as necessary, the annual affiliate and subsidiary transaction reports required in rules governing reporting for the applicable industry to include all such transactions during the test period. The company must identify all affiliate and subsidiary transactions that materially affect the proposed rates. The company must submit work papers for filing that support the allocation method the company used to distribute common costs between regulated and nonregulated affiliated entities and the dollar amount of those costs.

(4) **Summary document.**

(a) *Contents.* The company must include in its initial submission a document that summarizes the information in this subsection (4) (a) on an annualized basis, if applicable, and must itemize revenues from any temporary, interim, periodic, or other noncontinuing tariffs. The company must include in its rate change percentage and revenue change calculations any revenues from proposed general rate change tariffs that would supersede revenue from noncontinuing tariffs. The summary document must also include:

(i) The date and amount of the last general rate change the commission authorized, and the revenue the company realized from that change during the test period based on the company's test period units of sale (e.g., kilowatt hours, therms, etc.).

(ii) Total revenues the company is realizing at its present rates and the total revenues the company would realize at the requested rates.

(iii) Requested revenue change in percentage, in total and by major customer class.

(iv) Requested revenue change in dollars, in total and by major customer class.

(v) The representative effect of the request in dollars for the average monthly use per customer, by customer class or other similar meaningful representation, including but not limited to the effect of the proposed rate change in dollars per month on typical residential customers by usage categories.

(vi) Most current customer count by major customer class.

(vii) Current authorized overall rate of return and authorized rate of return on common equity.

(viii) Requested overall rate of return and requested rate of return on common equity, and the method or methods used to calculate the requested rates of return.

(ix) Requested capital structure.

(x) Requested net operating income.

(xi) Requested rate base and method of calculation, or equivalent.

(xii) Revenue effect of any requested attrition allowance.

(b) *Required service.*

(i) Persons to receive service. The company must serve the summary document on the persons designated below on the same date it submits the summary document to the commission for filing:

(A) The public counsel unit of the Washington attorney general's office;

(B) All intervenors on the commission's master service list for the company's most recent general rate proceeding;

(C) All intervenors on the master service list for any other rate proceeding involving the company during the five years prior to the company's submission, if the rates established or considered in that proceeding may be affected by the company's rate change request; and

(D) All persons who have informed the company in writing that they wish to be provided with the summary document required under this section.

(ii) Cover letter. The company must enclose a cover letter with the summary document stating that the company's prefiled testimony, exhibits, and accompanying work papers are available from the company on request, subject to any confidentiality restrictions, if the company is not serving them along with the summary document.

(iii) Limitation. This service requirement does not create a right to service or notice of future submissions in the proceedings to the persons named to receive the summary. Any person who wishes to be served documents subsequently submitted

in the general rate proceeding must petition to intervene in that proceeding.

(5) **Cost studies.** The company's initial submission must (a) include any cost studies the company performed or relied on to prepare its proposals; (b) identify all cost studies conducted in the last five years for any of the company's services; and (c) describe the methodology the company used in all such cost studies. If the cost studies are in the form of a model, the company must provide a copy of that model that will enable the commission to verify and modify the model's inputs and assumptions.

(6) **Additional documents.** The company's initial submission must include the company's

(a) most recent annual report to shareholders, if any, and any subsequent quarterly reports to shareholders;

(b) most recent FERC Form 1 and FERC Form 2 for electric and natural gas companies; and

(c) Form 10K's, Form 10Q's, any prospectuses for any issuances of securities, and quarterly reports to stockholders, if any, for the most recent two years prior to the rate change request.

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510, filed 11/24/03, effective 1/1/04.]

**WAC 480-07-515 Limited rate proceedings--electric and natural gas companies.** Electric and natural gas companies may seek a rate change through a limited rate proceeding. The purpose of such a proceeding is to adjust rates for delivery of electricity or natural gas based on updated data for rate base, revenues, and expenses since the company's latest general rate proceeding or first limited rate proceeding. The commission will undertake no more than two successive limited rate proceedings between a company's general rate proceedings.

(1) **General requirements.** A request for a limited rate proceeding must comply with the following requirements:

(a) The company must make the request within one year after the rate effective date of a general rate proceeding or one year after the rate effective date of a first limited rate proceeding;

(b) The company must use a test year that ends no more than six months prior to the request; the company must provide data through the end of the most recent month for which data are available; and the data must show actual results of operations under normal temperature conditions during the reporting period, adjusted to give a full year's effect to rate, expense, and revenue changes ordered in the company's most recent rate proceeding, or ordered after that proceeding;

(c) The company must maintain its authorized rate of return

and capital structure from its most recent general rate proceeding;

(d) The company must update debt costs for known changes;

(e) The company must annualize rate base additions during the test year by allowing a full year of depreciation expense, accumulated depreciation, and deferred taxes;

(f) The company must remove all power costs, power production rate base (including generation-related transmission), associated deferred income taxes, and revenues attributable to power costs;

(g) The company must use only those restating and pro forma adjustments the commission approved or allowed the company to use in its most recent general rate proceeding, adjusted for the passage of time since that proceeding;

(h) The company may not propose changes to any cost allocation methods between any regulated and unregulated operations or inter-jurisdictional cost allocation, if applicable, except as the commission approved or allowed the company to use in its most recent general rate proceeding, but the company should update the data within the allocation method to the appropriate time period; and

(i) The company may not propose any changes in rate spread or rate design.

(2) **Submission and service.** The company must comply with all submission and service requirements in WAC 480-07-510 except subsections (3)(e) (capital structure and rate of return), (4)(a)(viii) (summary of proposed rates of return), and



(4) (a) (ix) (summary of proposed capital structure). In addition, the cover letter accompanying the submission must prominently state that the company is seeking to change its rates through a limited rate proceeding.

(3) **Process.**

(a) The commission will convene a prehearing conference within ten business days following suspension of the tariff sheets included in a submission seeking a limited rate proceeding. In consultation with the parties at the prehearing conference, the commission will establish a procedural schedule that will allow for the commission to enter a final order within six months from the stated effective date of the tariff changes. The commission may extend the procedural schedule on the motion of any party, for good cause shown, or on its own motion.

(b) The commission retains discretion to consider any limited rate proceeding submission as a general rate proceeding or to convert any limited rate proceeding to a general rate proceeding.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040 and 80.04.160.]

**WAC 480-07-520 General rate proceeding submissions--Solid waste collection companies and commercial ferries.** General rate proceeding submissions by solid waste collection companies or commercial ferries must include the information described in this rule. The company must submit all required documents in

electronic form consistent with the requirements in WAC 480-07-140. A party may submit a document for filing with locked, hidden, or password protected cells only if such restricted access is necessary to protect the confidentiality of the information within the cells. The party must identify each locked, hidden, or password protected cell and must designate such cells, as well as any other information the party contends is confidential under RCW 81.77.210, in compliance with the requirements in WAC 480-07-160 and any protective order. The party must make such information accessible to all persons who have signed the protective order or are otherwise entitled to access the information, including but not necessarily limited to commission staff.

(1) **Proposed tariff.** The company's initial submission for filing must include the company's proposed tariff sheets in legislative format, i.e., with strike-through to indicate any material to be deleted or replaced and underlining to indicate any material to be inserted.

(2) **Local government ordinances and customer notices.** The company's initial submission for filing must include a copy of every local government ordinance related to the request in compliance with WAC 480-70-326, and a copy of the customer notices issued in compliance with the provisions of WAC 480-70-271.

(3) **Transmittal letter.** The company's initial submission for filing must include a transmittal letter in compliance with WAC 480-70-326.

(4) **Work papers.** The company's initial submission for filing must include all work papers that support the company's rate change request. Work papers must include the following:

(a) A detailed pro forma income statement separated by customer class, with restating and pro forma adjustments, reflected in separate columns, including all supporting calculations and documentation for all adjustments.

(i) Restating adjustments adjust the booked operating results for any defects or infirmities in actual recorded results of operations that can distort test period earnings. Restating adjustments are also used to adjust from an as-recorded basis to a basis that the commission accepts for determining rates. Examples of restating adjustments are adjustments to remove prior period amounts, to eliminate below-the-line items that were recorded as operating expenses in error, to adjust from book estimates to actual amounts, and to eliminate or to normalize extraordinary items recorded during the test period.

(ii) Pro forma adjustments give effect for the test period to all known and measurable changes that are not offset by other factors. The company's initial submission for filing must identify dollar values and underlying reasons for each proposed pro forma adjustment.

(iii) Restating and pro forma adjustments must be calculated as the variance from the booked operating results.

(b) A calculation of the total revenues the company is realizing at its present rates and the total revenues the

company would realize at the requested rates.

(c) An income statement listing all revenue and expense accounts by month or a supporting general ledger for the test period.

(d) If nonregulated revenue represents more than ten percent of total company test period revenue, a detailed separation of all revenue and expenses between regulated and nonregulated operations.

(e) A detailed list of all nonregulated operations. The company must provide copies of all contracts upon request.

(f) A detailed study that reconciles service pickups or passenger counts, as applicable, to the test year revenue by tariff item or service. The computed revenue must reconcile within five percent of test period revenue.

(g) A consolidated balance sheet for the company with supporting documentation, including but not limited to detailed cost of debt and a list of all leases to which the company is a party.

(h) A detailed calculation of net investment in plant and equipment and the net book value of used and useful assets at the end of the test period.

(i) A detailed depreciation schedule listing all used and useful assets held by the company during the test period, including the date of purchase, the cost at purchase, the depreciable life, the salvage value, depreciation expense, and accumulated depreciation expense at the end of the test period.

(j) An explanation of why the company has not achieved its

authorized rate of return and what tangible actions the company has taken prior to and during the test year to improve its earnings in addition to its request for increased rates. If the company has not taken any such actions, the company must explain why it has not.

(k) Information about every transaction with an affiliated interest or subsidiary that directly or indirectly affects the proposed rates, including a full description of the relationship, the terms and amount of the transaction, the length of time the relationship has been ongoing, and an income statement and balance sheet for every affiliated entity.

(5) **Annual report.** The company's initial submission must include the company's most recent consolidated annual report to shareholders, if any.

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**WAC 480-07-530 General rate proceeding submissions--Water companies.** General rate proceeding submissions by water companies must include the information described in this section. The company must submit all required documents in electronic form consistent with the requirements in WAC 480-07-

140. A party may submit a document for filing with locked, hidden, or password protected cells only if such restricted access is necessary to protect the confidentiality of the information within the cells. The party must identify each locked, hidden, or password protected cell and must designate such cells, as well as any other information the party contends is confidential under RCW 80.04.095, in compliance with the requirements in WAC 480-07-160 and any protective order. The party must make such information accessible to all persons who have signed the protective order or are otherwise entitled to access the information, including but not necessarily limited to commission staff. The submission must include the following:

(1) **Cover letter.** The cover letter must:

(a) Provide a description of the submission and the requested rate change in understandable terms;

(i) Explain any technical terms and otherwise use common terms to describe the submission so the public can easily understand its impact;

(ii) Define any acronyms before they are used in the text of the letter;

(b) State why the company is requesting a rate change (e.g., to recover higher costs for water testing);

(c) Describe each service that the submission impacts and the dollar and percentage change for each service, as well as the net impact of all changes on the company's total regulated revenue.

(2) **Tariff.** The proposed tariff must indicate all changes

to the existing tariff in legislative format, i.e., with strike-through to indicate the material to be deleted or replaced and underlining to indicate the material to be inserted.

(3) **Customer notice.** A copy of the notice the company mailed to customers.

(4) **Work papers.** Work papers must support the company's rate change request and, at a minimum, must include the following:

(a) A calculation of the total revenues the company is realizing at its present rates and the total revenues the company would realize at the requested rates by each class affected.

(b) A balance sheet and statement of revenues and expenses.

(c) A depreciation schedule.

(d) A schedule showing any adjustments proposed to the statement of revenues and expenses, including any restating adjustments or pro forma adjustments, and the effect of any adjustments on the proposed rates.

(e) An explanation of all restating adjustments and pro forma adjustments that the company proposes, specifying all relevant assumptions, and including specific references to charts of accounts, financial reports, studies, and all similar records on which the company relied in preparing its initial submission.

(i) Restating adjustments adjust the booked operating results for any defects or infirmities in actual recorded results, which can distort test period earnings. Restating

adjustments are also used to adjust from an as-recorded basis to a basis that the commission accepts for determining rates.

Examples of restating adjustments are adjustments to remove prior period amounts, to eliminate below-the-line items that were recorded as operating expenses in error, to adjust from book estimates to actual amounts, and to eliminate or to normalize extraordinary items recorded during the test period.

(ii) Pro forma adjustments give effect for the test period to all known and measurable changes that are not offset by other factors. The work papers must identify dollar values and underlying reasons for each proposed pro forma adjustment.

(iii) Restating and pro forma adjustments must be calculated as the variance from the booked operating results.

(f) Usage statistics verifying test year revenues and proposed revenues.

(g) The public water system identification number the Washington department of health has assigned for each system that the new rates will affect.

(h) A schedule showing separation of revenues and expenses between regulated and nonregulated operations.

(i) An explanation of why the company has not achieved its authorized rate of return and what tangible actions the company has taken prior to and during the test year to improve its earnings in addition to its request for increased rates. If the company has not taken any such actions, the company must explain why it has not.

(j) Information about every transaction with an affiliated



interest or subsidiary that directly or indirectly affects the proposed rates, including a full description of the relationship, the terms and amount of the transaction, the length of time the relationship has been ongoing, and an income statement and balance sheet for every affiliated entity.

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**WAC 480-07-540 General and limited rate proceedings--**

**Burden of proof.** Public service companies bear the burden of proof in general and limited rate proceedings as provided in RCW 80.04.130 or 81.04.130. The burden of proof includes the burden of going forward with evidence and the burden of persuasion. The commission will consider the company's initial submission for filing to be its full direct case in support of its rate change request for purposes of deciding any prehearing motion to dismiss under WAC 480-07-380.

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