

Agenda Date: November 30, 2005  
Item Number: D1 and D2

**Docket:** UT-051261 and UW-051287

**Subject:** Public Hearing on Proposed Revision to Budget Rule  
(Recessed to December 6, 2005, 9:30 am, Room 206)

**Staff:** Betty Erdahl, Regulatory Analyst  
Danny Kermode, Regulatory Analyst  
Karen Caille, Administrative Law Judge

**Background:**

The UTC will conduct a rule-making hearing, as required by RCW 34.05.320, to receive public comment on the agency's proposal to amend the rules requiring that telecommunications and water companies submit annual budget reports. The proposed rule, which was published and circulated to stakeholders in November, would eliminate the budget requirement for these companies.

The Commission has received one written comment from Verizon Northwest Inc. supporting the proposed rule.

The rule-making hearing is the last step required before the agency can decide whether to adopt the proposed rule.

A copy of the proposed rule is attached.

ATTACHMENT

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order No. R-466, Docket No. A-990298, filed 11/15/99, effective 12/16/99)

**WAC 480-140-020 Who must file.** The following public service companies with annual gross operating revenues exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars must file budgets with the commission:

- (1) Gas companies; and
- (2) Electrical companies((÷
- ~~(3) Telecommunications companies that serve more than two percent of the access lines in the state of Washington, except those companies classified as competitive by the commission; and~~
- ~~(4) Water companies that are not required to file water system plans with the department of health in compliance with WAC 246-290-100. Water companies required to file water system plans with the department of health must concurrently file a copy with the commission)).~~