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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
ON PROPOSED RULES  
(By Monday, June 20, 2016)**  
**and**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(Set for Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Re: Rulemaking to consider amending, adopting, and repealing certain rules in WAC 480-120, Telephone Companies, relating to the Washington Telephone Assistance Program and Washington Exchange Carrier Association, and repair standards for planned service interruptions and impairments, Docket UT-160196

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

This letter informs you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning the possible adoption of proposed revisions to WAC 480-120, Telephone Companies. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2016.

On May 18, 2016, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed rules would serve as a follow up to the rulemaking in Docket UT-140680, by revising or repealing cross-references to rules that were revised or repealed. The proposed rules would also repeal rules related to the Washington Telephone Assistance Program, which no longer exists, and to the Washington Exchange Carriers Association, which has been discontinued. The proposed rules would reinstate WAC 480-120-440, repair standards for service interruptions and impairments, excluding major outages, which was repealed in UT-140680. The Commission has reviewed comments from stakeholders received to date and prepared proposed rules for review and comments by interested persons. The proposed rules are available for inspection on the Commission's Web page at

[www.utc.wa.gov/160196](http://www.utc.wa.gov/160196). If you are unable to access the Commission's Web page and would like a copy of the proposed rules mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

## WRITTEN COMMENTS

The commission gives notice of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and 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 **5:00 p.m., Monday, June 20, 2016**. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/160196>.

**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. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-160196).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by mail or delivery of an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disk including the filed document(s). Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its website all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at [www.utc.wa.gov/160196](http://www.utc.wa.gov/160196). If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document.

## OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE

Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it 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) Email the Commission at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov)
- (3) Mail written comments to the address below

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UT-160196 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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**Questions?** If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact John Cupp. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, by email at [jcupp@utc.wa.gov](mailto:jcupp@utc.wa.gov), or by calling (360) 664-1113.

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Executive Director and Secretary