

January 15, 2002

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Friday, February 8, 2002)**

RE: Gas Companies - Safety, Chapter 480-93 WAC
Docket No. UG-011073

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff has completed a discussion draft of the first group of proposed rules for Chapter 480-93 WAC. The draft proposed rules reflect written comments received and discussions at the September 25, 2001, stakeholder workshop. The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/011073. The Commission will send a paper copy of the draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if requested.

The proposed rules in this discussion draft are organized in categories: General Rules, Design, and Construction.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments should be filed with the Commission no later than Friday, **February 8, 2002**, and may be submitted to the Commission at:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (UG-011073)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- * The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at www.wutc.wa.gov/011073.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about scheduling and other aspects of the rulemaking will be posted on the Commission's web site 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) e-mail the Commission at <records@wutc.wa.gov>, or (3) mail written comments to the address above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UG-011073 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

If you have any questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Sondra Walsh at swalsh@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1286.

NOTICE

If you don't want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. UG-011073. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary