



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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**Agency:** Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 16-06-119 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuance of WSR \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** (Describe Subject)

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) proposes this rulemaking to reinstate, revise, and repeal rules in WAC 480-120, Telephone Companies.

The proposed rules would repeal rules related to the Washington Telephone Assistance Plan (WTAP), which no longer exists, and to the Washington Exchange Carriers Association (WECA), which has been discontinued. The proposed rules includes reinstatement of WAC 480-120-440, repair standards for service interruptions and impairments, excluding major outages.

**Hearing location(s):**

Commission Hearing Room 206  
Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building  
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Date: July 12, 2016 Time: 9:30 a.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
Address: 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.

P.O. Box 47250  
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

e-mail [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov) Please include "Docket UT-160196" in your comments.

fax (360) 586-1150 by (date) June 20, 2016

**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Debbie Aguilar by June 28, 2016

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**Date of intended adoption:** July 12, 2016

(Note: This is NOT the **effective** date)

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

See Attachment A

Reasons supporting proposal: See above.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 80.01.040  
and RCW 80.04.160

**Statute being implemented:**

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
  - Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
  - State Court Decision?  Yes  No
- If yes, CITATION:

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STATE OF WASHINGTON  
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DATE: **May 18, 2016**

TIME: **9:13 AM**

**WSR 16-11-096**

**DATE**  
5/18/2016

**NAME** (type or print)  
Steven V. King

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Executive Director and Secretary

**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

None.

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Companies have been required to adhere to the same requirements contained in former WAC 480-120-440. There should be no economic impact to comply with this rule if it is reinstated.

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No: Please explain:

The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rules are not significant legislative rules of the sort referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).