

March 23, 2001

**WRITTEN COMMENT ON DRAFT ACCESS TO PREMISES RULE**

RE: Docket No. UT-990146  
Chapter 480-120 WAC Telecommunications – Access To Premises

Manufactured Housing Communities of Washington (MHCW) offers the following comments, on the proposed rule changes related to access to premises, for consideration by the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission.

**MHCW OPPOSES GOVERNMENT MANDATED “FORCED ACCESS” PROPOSALS:**

MHCW’s opposition to the proposed rule change (WAC 480-120-049) is based upon the belief that the proposed change would:

1. Violate our property rights.
2. Eliminate the right of a business to exercise choice in service providers, and
3. Unnecessarily interfere with the market place’s ability to provide choice to community owners and their residents.

In addition to these basic philosophical objections, we have very real concerns about potential physical damage and disruption of the quiet enjoyment of our residents. Some community owners have experienced extensive damage to other utilities, when new providers have attempted trenching operations. The unique nature of many communities makes it extremely difficult to undertake extensive underground work, once the community is complete and the homes are in place.

MHCW respectfully requests that the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission oppose any form of government mandated building access regulation.

Sincerely,

Ken Spencer  
Executive Director, MHCW

