

July 24, 2001

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(Tuesday, August 14, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF SBEIS WORKSHOP  
(Friday, August 3, 2001)**

RE: Utilities General – Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts  
Chapter 480-80 WAC  
Docket No. U-991301 Parts B - Comprehensive Review, C – Customer Notice, and  
D - Price Lists

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff has completed a second discussion draft of the Customer Notice Rules and the rules in Chapter 480-80 Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts. The proposed rules have been drafted based on written comments received and discussion at the June 12, 2001, stakeholder workshop. The second discussion draft includes provisions for electronic filing. The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/991301](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/991301). The Commission will send a paper copy of the draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if requested.

Commission Staff is planning to present the CR-102 Proposed Rulemaking regarding Customer Notice, Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts to the Commission at its **September 12, 2001**, open meeting. Please be very specific in your comments regarding text changes by suggesting preferred alternative language. If it appears there are policy differences that need to be addressed in another workshop prior to the CR-102 open meeting, a stakeholder workshop will be held on Thursday, August 23, 2001. You will receive notice confirming this workshop date if Staff sees the need as indicated in your written comments. Considerable discussion has taken place at prior stakeholder workshops regarding Part D - Price Lists. Unless new policy issues are identified, Staff does not intend to hold an additional stakeholder workshop regarding Part D - Price Lists.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Written comments should be filed with the Commission no later than **Tuesday, August 14, 2001**, 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

We also encourage written comments to include any Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) concerns or observations including quantification of potential costs and/or benefits of any of the proposed rules, preferably by section number.

### **SBEIS STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP**

All stakeholders are invited to attend a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) stakeholder workshop on **Friday, August 3, 2001**, to discuss potential costs and/or benefits of the proposed rules. The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 108 at the address above. Discussion will focus on Part IV. Contracts, and on the Customer Notice Rules.

Rather than distribute a questionnaire at this time, Staff will determine SBEIS impacts in this rulemaking based on written comments and participation in the workshop.

If you need additional information please call Fred Ottavelli at (306) 664-1297 or e-mail him at [fottavel@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:fottavel@wutc.wa.gov).

**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 (U-991301)
- \* 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>](mailto: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 [<http://www.wutc.wa.gov>](http://www.wutc.wa.gov).

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](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No.U-991301 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

**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. U-991301. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.**

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary