Agenda Date: August 8, 2001

Item Number: **2E**

Docket: UG-011073

Re: Rulemaking: Chapter 480-93 WAC

Gas Companies - Safety

Staff: Sondra Walsh, Senior Policy Strategist

Recommendation:

Direct the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry CR-101 in Docket No. UG-011073 to consider reviewing chapter 480-93 WAC.

Discussion:

This review is undertaken to comply with Executive Order 97-02 requiring agencies to review significant rules against specified standards. The review will include inquiry into the following:

- Do current rules provide the results that they were originally intended to achieve?
- Are the rules written and organized in a clear and concise manner, so they are readily understood by those to whom they apply?
- Are the current rules obsolete, duplicative, or in need of repeal?

Chapter 480-93 Gas Companies – Safety is being reviewed in conjunction with the review of Chapter 480-75 Petroleum Pipeline Companies in order to establish consistency between the two chapters where needed. Chapter 480-93 was last reviewed August, 1992.

Staff will schedule public meetings and workshops with broad notice to interested persons, inviting gas companies and other interested persons to participate in the rulemaking process.

Conclusion:

Direct the Secretary to file a preproposal statement of inquiry CR-101 in Docket No. UG-011073 to consider reviewing chapter 480-93 WAC.