

[Service Date October 5, 2011]

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**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
and
NOTICE OF RECESSED OPEN MEETING
(Set for Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Investigation of Recent Developments in Federal Telecommunications Policy,
Docket UT-111761

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On October 13, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will conduct a recessed open meeting in the form of a workshop on recent developments in federal telecommunications policy (Docket UT-111761). Two proposed plans to restructure the nation's intercarrier compensation (ICC) system and federal universal service support funding (FUSF) were recently filed with the Federal Communications Commission by a consortium of incumbent telecommunications carriers and several trade associations that represent such carriers. The purpose of the workshop is to gather information and assess the plans' potential effects on consumers and the telecommunications marketplace in Washington.

The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, October 13, 2011, at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The workshop will be informal and should last approximately 1 ½ hours. Interested parties will have the opportunity to provide brief opening comments, after which the Commission will conduct a general discussion of the proposed plans.

Interested parties with any comments or questions regarding the workshop should contact Brian D. Thomas, the Commission's Telecommunications Policy Advisor, at (360) 664-1212 or bthomas@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director and Secretary