



PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Subject of possible rule making: The Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) commences this inquiry to amend WAC 480-04 to conform with changes to the Public Records Act and current process. Docket A-180513

Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject: RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.160, and RCW 81.04.160

Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish: The legislature made significant changes to the Public Records Act in the 2017 session, including but not limited to the costs and fees state agencies can recover for responding to requests for public records. In addition, the Attorney General's Office has revised its model rules for public records. The Commission's rules were last revised in 2006 and do not reflect these and other changes to the law or the Commission's current processes for responding to public records.

Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:

Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

Interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication by contacting:

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- The docket number of this proceeding (A-180513).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

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