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RE: Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-140-020, relating to who must file budgets with the Commission
Docket No. UT-051261 and Docket No. UW-051287

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission is pleased to enclose WAC 480-140-020, relating to the elimination of the requirement for telecommunications companies and water companies to file annual budgets with the Commission, developed from the rulemaking activity in Docket No. UT-051261 and UW-051287.

Also enclosed is the Commission's Order Amending Rule permanently. The Commission filed the Order with the Code Reviser on December 9, 2005. It will be effective on January 9, 2006.

RCW 34.05.325 requires that the Commission prepare and provide to commenters a concise explanatory statement about an adopted rule.

In this docket, to avoid unnecessary duplications, the Commission has designated the discussion in the order as its concise explanatory statement, supplemented where not inconsistent by the staff memoranda presented at the adoption hearing and at the open meeting where the Commission considered whether to begin a rulemaking and whether to propose adoption of specific language. Together, the documents provide a complete but concise explanation of the agency's actions and its reasons for taking those actions. We include all of those documents for commenters' information.

Please direct any questions about the rules to Betty Erdahl of the Commission Staff at (360) 664-1283 or berdahl@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures