

Agenda Date: November 26, 2003
Item No.: C1

Docket: **A-030852**
Revise Title 480 WAC Adoption-by-reference dates

Staff: Sharyn Bate, Telecommunications Regulatory Analyst
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Recommendation:

Direct the Staff to prepare a Rule Adoption Order for Commissioners' review to adopt revised adoption-by-reference dates and make other minor administrative changes in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Discussion:

On September 17, 2003, the Commission filed proposed rule changes as an expedited rulemaking (CR-105) in WSR #03-19-130 and asked for written comments by November 17, 2003. No comments have been received.

Annually the Commission reviews material that it has adopted-by-reference in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) and considers whether changes are needed. The proposed rule revisions in the Commission's rules in Title 480 WAC change adoption-by-reference dates to reflect current published versions of federal rules and national safety standards.

The affected chapters of rules include: Chapters 480-14 WAC (Motor Carriers Excluding Household Goods Carriers and Common Brokers); 480-15 WAC (Household Goods Carriers); 480-30 WAC (Auto Transportation Carriers); 480-31 WAC (Nonprofit Transportation Providers); 480-40 WAC (Passenger Charter Carriers); 480-62 WAC (Railroad Companies-Operations); 480-70 WAC (Solid Waste Collection Companies); 480-75 WAC (Hazardous Liquid, Gas, Oil and Petroleum Pipeline Companies - Safety); 480-90 WAC (Gas Companies-Operations); and 480-100 WAC (Electric Companies). There are no changes to the references in Chapters 480-110 WAC (Water Companies) and 480-120 WAC (Telecommunications - Operations) and these chapters have not been included in this rulemaking.

Staff identified revisions that have occurred in federal regulations, state rules and national standards that need to be considered for adoption. Staff reviewed the changes and believes they are appropriate for the State of Washington. Attachment A lists the revised adoption-by-reference dates and other administrative changes.

Attachment B includes the proposed rules in legislative format.

Conclusion:

Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Staff to prepare a Rule Adoption Order for Commissioners' review to adopt revised adoption-by-reference dates and make other minor administrative changes in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code.

Attachments