

August 22, 2001

**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED RULES
(September 12, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(September 26, 2001)**

Re: Adoption by Reference Updates
Docket No. A-010827

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made toward rulemaking for rules relating to the adoption by reference rules in the Pipeline Safety and Transportation chapters of Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code, and to provide notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and participate in the formal rules adoption hearing.

On August 22, 2001, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2001. The draft rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/010827. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the draft rules, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234 and identify the specific chapter of draft rules you want mailed to you.

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high

density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (WordPerfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (A-010827)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- * The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [<records@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov); if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at [<http://www.wutc.wa.gov>](http://www.wutc.wa.gov).

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the recommendation for the adoption of the proposed rules at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 26, 2001. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Kim Dobyms. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at kdobyms@wutc.wa.gov or by calling 360-664-1242.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary

Enclosures