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June 22, 2015

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**

**(By Tuesday, July 21, 2015)**

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Amending Billing Requirements for Electric and Natural Gas Companies, Docket U-144155

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 18, 2015, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider adoption of rules within Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-90-178 and WAC 480-100-178, Billing requirements and payment date. This rulemaking considers establishing standards for all regulated energy companies to investigate and issue a retroactive corrective bill for meter errors including, but not limited to, those created by stopped, slowed, erratic or unassigned usage.

The Commission received written comments on the CR-101 on March 23, 2015. In addition, a workshop with interested stakeholders was held on May 20, 2015. As a result of the written comments and the stakeholder workshop, Commission staff has developed draft rules for review and comment by interested persons. The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission’s website at [www.utc.wa.gov/144155](http://www.utc.wa.gov/144155). If you are unable to access the Commission’s web page and would like a copy of the draft rules mailed to you, please contact the Commission’s Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

The Commission invites comments on the draft rules. Written comments on the draft rules must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 21, 2015.** The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments should be in .pdf Adobe Acrobat or in Word 97 or later version. Comments may be submitted via the Commission’s Web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission’s Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Alternatively, comments may be submitted by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission’s Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or including the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

* The docket number of this proceeding (U-144155).
* The commenting party’s name.
* The title and date of the comment or comments.
* Detailed rationale, data and documentation to support any suggested revisions.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at the following URL address: [www.utc.wa.gov/144155](http://www.utc.wa.gov/144155).

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Roger Kouchi, at (360) 664-1101, or by email at [rkouchi@utc.wa.gov](mailto:rkouchi@utc.wa.gov).

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