

MEMORANDUM

June 27, 2006

TO: Mark Sidran, Pat Oshie, Phil Jones

FROM: Dennis Moss, Ann Rendahl, Bob Wallis

SUBJECT: Rulemaking—chapter 480-07 WAC-Procedural
Rules Tune-up Adoption Hearing, Docket A-050802

The Commission repealed and replaced its former procedural rules, chapter 480-09, on January 1, 2004, and adopted new chapter 480-07—Procedural Rules to be effective on that same date. After the new rules became effective, Commission staff and persons who conduct business before the Commission periodically identified and suggested discrete changes to certain rules and the possible need for new rules that could ease compliance and promote efficiency in the conduct of business before the Commission.

The Commission filed a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) on July 15, 2005, at WSR # 05-15-091. Formal and informal opportunities for written and oral comments were provided to the regulated community over a period of approximately eight months.

The Commission filed a notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) on March 31, 2006, at WSR #06-08-058. The Commission scheduled this matter for oral comment and adoption under Notice WSR #06-08-058 at 1:30 p.m., Thursday, May 18, 2006. The Notice provided interested persons an opportunity to submit written comments to the Commission by May 4, 2006.

On May 11, 2006, the Commission filed a Supplemental CR-102 at WSR # 06-11-047 and gave notice of an opportunity to submit written comments on the supplemental proposal by June 19, 2006. The Commission also gave notice at WSR # 06-11-047 cancelling the previously noticed adoption hearing and setting a rescheduled adoption hearing for today.

You have before you a packet of materials including:

1. The proposed rule as revised to reflect comments received in response to the CR-102 and the Supplemental CR-102
2. A matrix summarizing the comments.

You may receive additional comment from interested stakeholders during the adoption hearing. Following that, you can adopt the proposed rules, with or without the further revisions, adopt some part of the proposed rules, or require additional revisions.

We are available for discussion.