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October 10, 2000

NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT
(October 23, 2000)

RE: Electric Operations Rulemaking
Docket No. UE-990473
Chapter 480-100 WAC

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff electric rule team has completed a third draft of the Electric Operation Rules in Docket UE-990473. You may access a clean version or a legislative format version, which compares the second and third draft, in electronic form on the Commission's web site at <www.wutc.wa.gov>, or you may call the Commission Records Center at 360-664-1234 to receive a hard copy of these draft rules.

To prepare this draft, the Commission Staff electric rule team has considered all oral and written comments received to date. This draft incorporates suggestions accordingly. Each draft rule is followed by a short explanation of the changes from the current rule, first and second drafts, and/or about the process leading to the particular draft language.

The Commission Staff electric rule team realizes that some interested persons may wish to suggest changes to certain of these draft rules or may wish to comment on particular rules. We remain open to suggestions and encourage you to provide constructive comment on any major concerns. Any comments received will be taken into account before Commission Staff presents the rules before the Commission later this year as part of a CR-102 Notice of Proposed Rules.

WRITTEN COMMENTS. Please provide any comments you wish to make on the draft rules by **October 23, 2000**. Please, also provide a list prioritizing the five top issues that remain a major concern for your organization. If you wish to propose specific changes to any rules, it will



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be most helpful if you send the Commission a version in legislative format (proposed deletions lined through and proposed additions underlined) along with your editorial comments. However, comments in any format will be welcome.

The Commission Staff will review all comments and include them in a document to be presented before the Commission, together with the draft rules, later this year in connection with a CR-102 Notice of Proposed Rules. Please send your comments (with the docket number identified) to the Commission's Records Center, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Post Office Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250 or <records@wutc.wa.gov>. If you have questions, please address them to Graciela Etchart <getchart@wutc.wa.gov>.

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 (UE-990473)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments; and
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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>; 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>>.

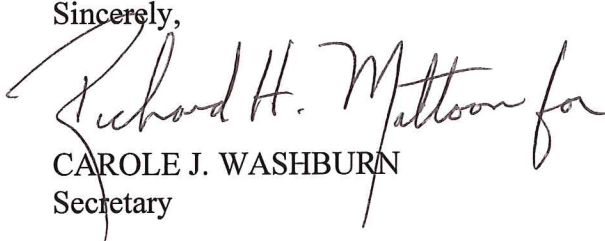
The Commission will post and regularly update its web site to include information that pertains to this rulemaking. Information will be provided to you individually if you request it. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may either: (1) submit a written request, (2) call the Commission's record center at (360) 664-1234, or (3) E-mail the Commission at <records@wutc.wa.gov>. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UE-990473.

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If you do not wish to comment at this time, but would like to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Commission Secretary by mail, e-mail, or telephone, as indicated above. Please request to be included on the Docket UE-990473 mailing list.

Sincerely,



CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary