



# PROPOSED RULE MAKING

## CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do NOT use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 06-15-124 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR \_\_\_\_\_; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR \_\_\_\_\_
- Continuance of WSR \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of rule and other identifying information:** Chapter 480-93 WAC Gas Companies – Safety, Docket PG-061027

**Hearing location(s):**  
 WUTC Hearing Room 206  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Chandler Plaza Building  
 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.  
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Date: July 11, 2007 Time: 1:30 p.m.

**Submit written comments to:**

Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
 Address: 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250  
 Olympia, WA 98504-7250  
 e-mail [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov)  
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**Assistance for persons with disabilities:** Contact

Mary DeYoung by July 9, 2007

TTY (800) 416-5289 or (360) 664-1133

**Date of intended adoption:** July 11, 2007

(Note: This is **NOT** the **effective** date)

**Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:**

Since the rules in Chapter 480-93, Gas Companies-Safety, became effective June 2, 2005, stakeholders and agency staff have identified a variety of issues that suggest that the commission review certain rules relating to gas pipeline operations in Chapter 480-93 WAC. This rulemaking would consider possible corrections, changes, and clarifications to WAC 480-93-005, WAC 480-93-013, WAC 480-93-015, WAC 480-93-017, WAC 480-93-018, WAC 480-93-100, WAC 480-93-124, WAC 480-93-170, WAC 480-93-180, WAC 480-93-188, and WAC 480-93-200 and add a new rule (WAC 480-93-250, Damage prevention) ensuring that pipeline operators comply with Damage Prevention requirements in Chapter 19.122 RCW.

**Reasons supporting proposal:**

The proposed changes will provide clarity in some areas of the rules, eliminate requirements that are no longer necessary and provide compliance with federal rules.

**Statutory authority for adoption:** RCW 80.01.040, RCW 81.01.010 and RCW 81.88.060

**Statute being implemented:** N/A

**Is rule necessary because of a:**

- Federal Law?  Yes  No
  - Federal Court Decision?  Yes  No
  - State Court Decision?  Yes  No
- If yes, CITATION:

**CODE REVISER USE ONLY**

**Filed with the Code Reviser's Office**

**May 2, 2007, 10:00 a.m.**

**WSR 07-10-124**

**DATE**  
May 2, 2007

**NAME** (type or print)  
Carole J. Washburn

**SIGNATURE**

**TITLE**  
Executive Secretary

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**Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:**

None.

**Name of proponent:** (person or organization) Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

**Name of agency personnel responsible for:**

| Name                                 | Office Location   | Phone          |
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**Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?**

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

fax ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed rules will not result in or impose an increase in costs. Because there will not be any increase in costs resulting from the proposed rule changes, a SBEIS is not required under RCW 19.85.030(1).

**Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?**

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

No: Please explain: The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rule is not a significant legislative rule as referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).