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**NOTICE SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR
ADVISORY BOARD
(By October 18, 2013)**

RE: Rulemaking to consider amending and adopting rules in WAC 480-120, telephone companies, and WAC 480-123, universal service, to implement legislation establishing a state universal communications service program;
Docket UT-131239

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The 2013 Washington Legislature enacted 2E2SHB 1971 which established a five-year targeted state universal communications services program to support small incumbent telephone companies serving high-cost rural areas of the state of Washington. The legislation requires the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to establish rules to implement this program by July 1, 2014, including creating an Advisory Board to advise the Commission on rules and policies governing the operation of the program. Section 207 of 2E2SHB 1971 allows the Commission to initiate efforts to establish the Board and to take other actions prior to that date.

The Commission may need to seek guidance from the Advisory Board on matters concerning the state universal communications services program prior to adoption and implementation of final rules concerning the program. Accordingly, the Commission is now requesting nominations for membership on the Advisory Board.

Section 203(7) of 2E2SHB 1971 requires that membership on the Advisory Board consist of a reasonable balance of representatives from different types of communications providers and consumers. In accordance with that requirement, the Commission seeks

nominees from interested parties for positions on the Advisory Board according to the following classifications:

- One from incumbent local exchange companies serving fewer than 40,000 access lines in Washington;
- One from incumbent local exchange companies serving more than 40,000 access lines in Washington;
- One from competitive local exchange companies serving customers in Washington;
- One from wireless communications providers offering service in Washington; and
- One from the Public Counsel division of the Office of the Attorney General of Washington.

An additional member of the Advisory Board will be selected from Commission staff.

The Commission hereby requests interested parties to submit applications for positions on the Advisory Board no later than **October 18, 2013**. Applicants should submit a letter of interest to the Commission Secretary indicating their name, position with the organization they represent, contact information and a statement regarding why they believe they should be appointed to the Advisory Board. Applicants should also include a copy of their resume with their submission.

Questions regarding the Advisory Board selection process may be addressed to the Commission's Senior Telecommunications Policy Advisor, Brian Thomas, at (360) 359-1049 or e-mail at <bthomas@utc.wa.gov>.

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