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Re: Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-93, Relating to Gas Companies - Safety, Docket PG-070975

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) is pleased to enclose rules in WAC 480-93, relating to Gas Companies – Safety and developed from the rulemaking activity in Docket PG-070975.

The rules in WAC 480-93 update definitions and in addition update the penalty rule in WAC 480-93-223 to be consistent with federal law, delete a requirement in WAC 480-93-200, modify the quarterly fee installment dates in WAC 480-93-240(3) and update the reference date in the adoption by reference rule in WAC 480-93-999(1)(a).

Also enclosed is the Commission's Order Amending and Adopting Rules Permanently. The Commission filed the Order with the Code Reviser on May 30, 2008. It will be effective on June 30, 2008.

RCW 34.05.325 requires that the Commission prepare and provide to commenters a concise explanatory statement about an adopted rule.

In this docket, to avoid unnecessary duplications, the Commission has designated the discussion in the order as its concise explanatory statement, supplemented where not inconsistent by the adoption hearing memoranda. Together, the documents provide a complete but concise explanation of the agency's actions and its reasons for taking those actions. We include all of those documents for commenters' information.

Please direct any questions about the rules to Sondra Walsh of the Commission Staff at 360-664-1286 or e-mail at swalsh@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary

Enclosures