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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULE
(By Monday, August 20, 2012)
and
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Wednesday, September 12, 2012, at 9:30 a.m.)**

RE: Rulemaking to Consider Modifications to, or Elimination of, the Requirement
Related to Distribution of Telephone Books in WAC 480-120-251
Docket UT-120451

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to the requirement related to distribution of telephone books in WAC 480-120-251 Directory service. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 12, 2012.

On July 18, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) in this docket with the Code Reviser regarding modifications to, or the elimination of, the requirement that local exchange companies provide each customer a copy of a telephone directory for the customer's exchange area. The Commission developed the proposed rule revisions with the benefit of stakeholder comments received on May 21, May 23, and June 16, 2012, which are available in this docket on the Commission's website <http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451>.

The CR-102 begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rule to the Commission by filing with the Commission Executive Director and Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, August 20, 2012. The proposed rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/120451>. Additionally, upon request, the Commission will send you a paper copy if needed.

Electronic copies: The Commission asks that you provide your comments in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing> or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov.

In your comments please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-120451)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. 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.utc.wa.gov/120451>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rule at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 12, 2012. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Information about schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may a) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, b) e-mail the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov, or c) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket UT-120451 to ensure that you are included on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Questions? If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact John Cupp. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at jcupp@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1113.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary