

September 25, 2009

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Monday, November 23, 2009)**

Re: Rulemaking to Amend WAC 480-15, Household Goods Carriers
Docket TV-091038

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 23, 2009, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser an expedited rulemaking (CR-105) under Docket TV-091038. The proposal would amend WAC 480-15, Household Goods Carriers.

WAC 480-15 contains rules for household goods carriers. The rules cover the intrastate transportation of household goods and set out the requirements for permits, insurance coverage, safety, and consumer protection for loss and damage claims and complaints.

In 2009 the legislature passed House Bill 1536, relating to advertisements and permits for household goods carriers. HB 1536 became effective July 26, 2009.¹

HB 1536 bans household goods carriers from advertising services without first obtaining a valid permit from the Commission; increases the penalty up to five thousand dollars for operating as a mover without a permit and operating in violation of a cease and desist order up to ten thousand dollars; and, requires carriers to show their permit number, physical address and telephone number in all advertising.

The Administrative Procedure Act (RCW 34.05.353), allows agencies to pursue an expedited rulemaking if “...the proposed rules...incorporate...without materials change...Washington state statutes.” The Commission is using the expedited process because the content of the proposed rules is specifically dictated by the new statutes.

¹ Chapter 94, Laws of 2009.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules 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, November 23, 2009. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/091038. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the proposed rules mailed to you, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

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

- * The docket number of this proceeding (TV-091038)
- * 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 www.utc.wa.gov/091038. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

If you have questions regarding this expedited rulemaking, please contact Vicki Elliott at (360) 664-1119, or you may e-mail her at velliott@utc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary