

April 9, 2010

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Monday, May 10, 2010)**

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Paperless Billing for Electric and Gas Customers
Docket U-100523

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 7, 2010, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the need to develop a new rule and/or modify existing rules in WAC 480-90 (Gas Companies) and WAC 480-100 (Electric Companies) to address the use of electronic bills, notices of tariff revisions, bill inserts, documents in adjudicative proceedings, and reports required by settlement stipulations.

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/100523. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments addressing the use of electronic bills, notices of tariff revisions, bill inserts, documents in adjudicative proceedings, and reports required by settlement stipulations must be filed with the Commission no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, May 10, 2010. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance the 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 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 (U-100523)
- 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/100523.

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 rulemaking, please contact Roger Kouchi at (360) 664-1101, or you may e-mail him at rkouchi@utc.wa.gov.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments. Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the 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 (1) call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234, (2) e-mail the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket U-100523 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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

NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Executive Director and Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket U-100523. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary