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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Friday, April 26, 2013)
and
NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for Wednesday, May 15, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Possible Corrections and Changes in Rules in
WAC 480-07, Relating to Procedural Rules, Docket A-130355

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 20, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible additions or modifications to certain sections in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07, the Commission's procedural rules. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket A-130355.

The Commission's last review of WAC 480-07 was in 2006 under Docket A-050802. Since that time, Commission Staff and interested persons who conduct business before the Commission, have identified a number of areas in which the Commission's procedural rules in WAC 480-07 could be supplemented, improved, or clarified. These areas include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Procedures for Commission consideration of expedited rate filings.
- Revisions to rate case filing requirements.
- Procedures for initial evaluation of complaints filed against regulated companies.
- Procedures for penalty assessments.

- Procedures for enforcing annual report filing and regulatory fee payment.
- Procedures for Commission consideration of dockets at Open Public Meetings, including filing deadlines.
- Procedures for Commission review of company Integrated Resource Plans, Requests for Proposals, Conservation Plans, and other I-937 filings.
- Interested party access to confidential documents in non-adjudicative cases.
- Procedures for Commission review of settlement agreements in cases involving suspended tariffs.
- Procedures for requesting preliminary relief in adjudicative dockets.
- Creation and maintenance of official service list in adjudications (including courtesy email distribution).
- Exhibit identification/numbering in adjudicative proceedings.
- Filing and distribution of cross-examination exhibits.
- Clarification or revision of initial orders prior to seeking administrative review.

The Commission invites initial written comments on the need or desirability of rules or rule revisions governing these or other areas, as well as any suggested rule language. The Commission will conduct a subsequent workshop to address these issues.

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/130355>. 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 on the CR-101 inquiry must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, April 26, 2013**. The Commission requests that comments be provided 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 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 numbers of this proceeding (Docket A-130355).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 2010 or later format. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/130355>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document. If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

In addition to filing written comments, interested persons are invited to attend a stakeholder workshop on **Wednesday, May 15, 2013, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington**. At the workshop, Commission staff will review and discuss comments with the stakeholders.

Stakeholders will have further opportunity for comment. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may:

- Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1139
- Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov
- Mail written comments to the address below

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket A-130355 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Director and Secretary
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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 A-130355. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

STEVEN V. KING
Acting Executive Director and Secretary