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NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Friday, September 14, 2018)

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Adoption of Rules Relating to Marine Pilotage Rate-setting,
Docket TP-180402

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On August 8, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to implement Substitute Senate Bill (SSB) 6519. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket TP-180402.

In 2018, the legislature passed SSB 6519, Chapter 107, Laws of 2018, which transferred marine pilotage rate-setting authority from the Board of Pilotage Commissioners (BPC) to the Commission effective July 1, 2019. The legislation also transfers to the Commission consideration of the Grays Harbor port district's tariff rate recommendations for pilotage services, and authorizes the Commission to include in rates the reasonable costs for setting tariff rates. To ensure the timely adoption of rules, RCW 81.116.900 allows the Commission to adopt rules prior to July 1, 2019. This rulemaking will establish rules for general rate proceedings for marine pilotage services, including a detailed description of the information required for such filings.

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's website at www.utc.wa.gov/180402. 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.

The Commission is seeking written comments from interested persons related to marine pilotage rate-setting. Responses to the attached draft discussion document and the following question would be most helpful to the Commission:

1. After reviewing the draft discussion document on marine pilotage rate-setting, are there other procedural elements that need to be addressed?

The Commission invites initial written comments on these and other issues related to developing rules on marine pilotage rate-setting.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the CR-101 inquiry must be filed with the Commission no later than **5 p.m., September 14, 2018**. 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 number of this proceeding (Docket TP-180402).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Electronic copies of comments may also be mailed or delivered to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disk. Parties must furnish electronic copies in MS Word 6.0 (or later) supplemented by a separate file in .pdf (Adobe Acrobat) format. Please include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its website all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at www.utc.wa.gov/180402.

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, Jason Lewis, at (360) 664-1206, or by email at Jason.lewis@utc.wa.gov.

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) 664-1234
- Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov
- Mail written comments to the address below

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket TP-180402 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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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 TP-180402. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

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Executive Director and Secretary