

March 11, 2009

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Friday April 10, 2009)**

RE: Solid Waste Definitions Rulemaking, WAC 480-70
Docket TG-080591

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 7, 2008, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to initiate a rulemaking to consider revisions to WAC 480-70, governing solid waste collection companies.

Staff has drafted rule language for discussion purposes that could replace current WAC 480-70-016 and clarified when a solid waste certificate or motor carrier permit is needed. The draft language also defines "private carriage." Staff is interested to hear from stakeholders concerning this discussion draft rule. The discussion draft rule is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/080591. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the discussion draft rule or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

The draft rule addresses the following topics:

1. When a solid waste collection certificate is required.
2. Private carriage of solid waste collection.
3. Commercial recycling collection requires a motor carrier permit.
4. Commercial and industrial byproducts that require solid waste certificate.
5. Conditions for transporting mixed recyclable materials to a sorting facility.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **Friday, April 10, 2009**. Please identify any written comments that relate to existing rules by reference to the existing rule section. Where you suggest clear language or substantive changes to rules, we would appreciate your suggestions for specific rule language. 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. Comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal (www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [<records@utc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). Please include the:

- Docket number of this proceeding (TG-080591).
- Commenting party's name.
- Title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by 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 .doc Word 97 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 the following URL address: www.utc.wa.gov/080591.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document. Questions may be addressed to Penny Ingram at (360) 664-1242 or e-mail at pingram@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 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>](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov).
- (3) Mail written comments to the address below.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket TG-080591 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list(s). The Commission's mailing address is:

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Sincerely,

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