



**PROPOSED RULE MAKING
(RCW 34.05.320)**

**CR-102 (7/22/01)
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rule making**

Agency: Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission

Original Notice

Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 99-19-086 ; or
 Expedited Rule Making -- Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
 Continuance of WSR _____

(a) Title of rule: (Describe Subject)
**Chapter 480-80 WAC Commission General – Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts;
 Chapter 480-90 WAC Natural Gas Utilities, Chapter 480-100 WAC Electric Utilities, Chapter 480-120 WAC Telecommunications Companies, Notice to public of tariff changes; and WAC 480-121-065 Customer notice requirements, Petition for competitive classification of a service, Docket U-991301.**

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rules and rule amendments is to streamline the tariff filing process for gas, electric, telecommunications, and water companies, and to clarify requirements for customer notice, consistent with the requirements of the Governor’s Executive Order 97-02.

Other identifying information: Docket No. U-991301

(b) Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.180

Statute being implemented: Title 80 Public Utilities

(c) Summary: The proposed rules would streamline filing and format requirements, codify current procedures and best-practice options, use clear language, offer regulated companies greater flexibility to enable them to take advantage of further efficiencies on a case-by-case basis, and eliminate unnecessary requirements. The proposed rules would also clarify requirements for customer notice.
 Reasons supporting proposal: The proposed rules are drafted to reflect the effect of legislation regarding price lists. Other proposed rules reflect technological changes, emerging competition, and changes in market structure.

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(e) Name of proponent (person or organization): Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

Private
 Public
 Governmental

(f) Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement and fiscal matters:
 None

(g) Is rule necessary because of:

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| Federal Law? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | If yes, ATTACH COPY OF TEXT |
| Federal Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Citation: |
| State Court Decision? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | |

(h) HEARING LOCATION:
 Commission Hearing Room
 Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building
 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
 Olympia, WA 98504

Date: January 9, 2002 Time: 1:30 PM

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact Mary DeYoung by Monday, January 7, 2002

TDD (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1133

Submit written comments to:
 Carole J. Washburn, Secretary, P. O. Box 47250,
 Olympia, WA 98504 or
 E-mail to <records@wutc.wa.gov>. Please include
 Docket No. U-991301 in your communication
 FAX (360) 586-1150 By December 27, 2001

DATE OF INTENDED ADOPTION: January 9, 2002

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(j) Short explanation of rule, its purpose, and anticipated effects:

The proposed rules effect the administration of tariffs, price lists, and contracts, and posting and publication requirements for regulated investor-owned electric, gas, telephone, and water companies.

See Section (c) for anticipated effects.

Does proposal change existing rules? x YES NO

If yes, describe changes:

The proposed rules would reduce and reorganize Chapter 480-80 WAC, and clarify and streamline Commission oversight of tariffs, price lists, and contracts.

The proposed rules for customer notice have been incorporated into each industry's rules for ease of use and to accommodate unique characteristics of each industry. The affected chapters are :

Chapter 480-90 WAC Natural Gas Utilities

Chapter 480-100 WAC Electric Utilities

Chapter 480-120 WAC Telecommunications Companies, and

WAC 480-121-065 Customer notice requirements, Petition for competitive classification of a service.

See the attached chart (Attachment A) for a detailed listing of the proposed changes.

(k) Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by writing to:

telephoning: ()

faxing: ()

x No. Explain why no statement was prepared

Staff performed a cost analysis on information provided by stakeholders and determined that overall compliance with the proposed rules will not result in an increase in costs for companies and may result in a savings due to cost-efficiencies permitted by the proposed rules.

(l) Does RCW 34.05.328 apply to this rule adoption? Yes x No

Please explain:

The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rules are not significant legislative rules of the sort referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).