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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
ON PROPOSED RULES
(By April 19, 2019)**

and

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for Wednesday, April 24, at 9:30 a.m.)**

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

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made in this rulemaking docket concerning possible adoption of proposed revisions to the rules governing marine pilotage rate-setting. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rule amendments and to participate in the formal rule adoption hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 24 at 9:30 a.m.

On August 10, 2018, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider marine pilotage rate-setting. The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket TP-180402. The Commission conducted a workshop and solicited comments on draft rules. The Commission also issued a Small Business Economic Impact Statement Questionnaire to obtain information regarding the impact of the draft rules on the companies. The drafts, comments, questionnaire and SBEIS are available in this docket on the Commission's website:
<http://www.utc.wa.gov/180402>.

On Monday, March 11, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Office of the Code Reviser. The proposed rules add sections to chapter 480-30 WAC, and amend or repeal other sections within the chapter. The Commission has reviewed comments received from stakeholders received to date in this docket and has prepared proposed rules for review and comment by interested persons. The proposed rules are available for inspection on

the Commission's web page at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/180402>. The CR-102 filing initiates the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The commission gives notice of your opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules. Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5 p.m., April 19, 2019**. Comments must be provided in electronic format. 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 TP-180402).
- 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 thumb drive, CD, or DVD in .pdf format (created using Adobe Acrobat or comparable software) or in Microsoft Word. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post all comments on its web site. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/180402>.

ADOPTION HEARING

The Commission gives further notice of your opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the proposal for the adoption of the proposed rules at **9:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 24**. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FUTURE

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:

- (1) Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234
- (2) Email the Commission at records@utc.wa.gov

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket TP-180402 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

Questions? 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.

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