

Rulemaking Docket No. U-991301
Written Comments
December 24, 2001

As of December 24, 2001, the Commission received 231 similar comments concerning the **proposed public notice rules in Docket No. U-991301**. In the interest of making the comments readily available, commission staff has combined the similar comments into one document. Following is a copy of the letter submitted by most commenters. Included with the letter below, a few commenters submitted additional comments which are paraphrased below. Finally, a list of those who commented, where they live and who they represent is included.

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to let you know that I support your efforts to require utilities in Washington to give their customers more notice before rate changes go into effect (Docket U-991301). Washington consumers have been kept in the dark too long with regard to utility rate changes. In addition, the current notification system is particularly harmful to the poor, the elderly, and working families as they often don't find out about price changes until they get their utility bills.

I also want to let you know that I think that it should be mandatory that utilities send out individual notices to all of their customers at least 30 days before any rate changes are scheduled to take effect. That is the only way that you can be sure that all ratepayers receive adequate notice about rate changes.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue.

Additional comments received with the above letter concerning proposed public notice rules follow.

John Rourke representing the Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs also supports requiring that "the notice should be separate from the utility bill and should be designed in such a way as to draw attention of the average customer."

Karen Kirkpatrick, city attorney for Federal Way, also supports a 45 day customer notice for hearings.

The following is a list of those interested persons who submitted comments electronically supporting the letter above.

| First Name | Last Name | City | Representing |
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| 1 Robert | Rhule | | AARP of Washington |
| 2 Tracey | Rascon | | Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Economic Dev. Corp. |

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| 3 | Cheryl | Johnson | | Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, Economic Dev. Corp., Lummi Nation |
| 4 | Karen | Kirkpatrick | Federal Way | City of Federal Way |
| 5 | Londi | Lindell | Mercer Island | City of Mercer Island and citizens |
| 6 | Lawrence | Warren | Renton | City of Renton |
| 7 | Brad | Kurokawa | Seattle | Nakano Assoc., Landscape Architects |
| 8 | Mark | Johnson | Olympia | National Federation of Independent Business, Washington State |
| 9 | Robert | Cromwell | | Public Counsel, Attorney General of Washington. <i>Complete comments from Public Counsel were posted to the Commission's web page separately.</i> |
| 10 | John | Rourke | Spokane | Spokane Neighborhood Action Programs, Low Income Telecom Project |
| 11 | Brenda | Ackley | Oak Harbor | Self |
| 12 | V. Eileen | Adams | Seattle | Self |
| 13 | Eric | Adman | Kenmore | Self |
| 14 | Marilynn | Albert | Bellevue | Self |
| 15 | Caroline | Allen | Sammamish | Self |
| 16 | Dan | Alter | Seattle | Self |
| 17 | Susan | Alter | Seattle | Self |
| 18 | Diane | Anderson | Seattle | Self |
| 19 | Sally | Armbrecht | Seattle | Self |
| 20 | Ardith | Arrington | Seattle | Self |
| 21 | Katherine | Atkins | Seattle | Self |
| 22 | Susan | Atteberry | Pullman | Self |
| 23 | Chris | Baharloo | Kenmore | Self |
| 24 | Krystina | Bair | Seattle | Self |
| 25 | Krystina | Bair | Seattle | Self |
| 26 | Shelley | Bakshas-Walker | Vancouver | Self |
| 27 | Paul | Ballard | Seattle | Self |
| 28 | Broehe | Ballman | | Self |
| 29 | Michael | Barton | Seattle | Self |
| 30 | Clyde | Beardsley | Yelm | Self |
| 31 | Vicki | Becker | Sammamish | Self |
| 32 | Daniel | Bensky | Seattle | Self |
| 33 | Jenn | Bernert | Seattle | Self |
| 34 | Lynn | Billington | Bellingham | Self |
| 35 | Margaret | Boddie | Seattle | Self |
| 36 | Larisa | Bosma | Seattle | Self |
| 37 | Suzan | Bradley | Edmonds | Self |
| 38 | Elizabeth | Bryer | Bellevue | Self |
| 39 | Ryan | Burkett | Mercer Island | Self |
| 40 | Bill | Cavanaugh | Vancouver | Self |
| 41 | Diane | Claussen | Sequim | Self |
| 42 | Carmen | Collier | Maple Valley | Self |
| 43 | Rachel | Conover | Seattle | Self |
| 44 | Janeen | Cook | Shoreline | Self |
| 45 | Jennifer | Corio | Vancouver | Self |
| 46 | S. Gary | Cotterill | Bellevue | Self |
| 47 | Roxanne | Courtmanch | Lynnwood | Self |
| 48 | John | Cusick | Olympia | Self |

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| 49 | David | Dalton | Puyallup | Self |
| 50 | Lois | Davies | Orondo | Self |
| 51 | Kathleen | Davis | Spokane | Self |
| 52 | Daniel | Dethloff | Seattle | Self |
| 53 | Wendy | DiPeso | Kent | Self |
| 54 | Diane | Dondero | Yelm | Self |
| 55 | Brenda | Donovan | Yelm | Self |
| 56 | Joe | Duffield | Yelm | Self |
| 57 | Kristin | Elko | Seattle | Self |
| 58 | Jerry | Ellis | Oak Harbor | Self |
| 59 | Albert | Emanuel | Seattle | Self |
| 60 | Brenda | Etter | Seattle | Self |
| 61 | Israel | Evans | Monroe | Self |
| 62 | Mary Lynne | Evans | Seattle | Self |
| 63 | Franklin | Eventoff | Ferndale | Self |
| 64 | Margot | Fetz | Seattle | Self |
| 65 | Sean | Fielding | Seattle | Self |
| 66 | Andrea | Finley | Seattle | Self |
| 67 | Shannon | Fouts | Tacoma | Self |
| 68 | Michele | Fuqua | Seattle | Self |
| 69 | Robert | Gala | Seattle | Self |
| 70 | Jon | Gardner | Spokane | Self |
| 71 | Judy | Gardner | Spokane | Self |
| 72 | Peg | Gerber | Seattle | Self |
| 73 | Vesper | Gers | Seattle | Self |
| 74 | Sarah | Geschke | Spokane | Self |
| 75 | Stephen | Gibson | Bainbridge Island | Self |
| 76 | Tatiana | Gill | Seattle | Self |
| 77 | Juliet | Glover | Clinton | Self |
| 78 | Harrison | Grafos | Spokane | Self |
| 79 | Mary | Granger | Seattle | Self |
| 80 | Marian | Gruber | Mountlake Terrace | Self |
| 81 | Diane | Haggerty | Seattle | Self |
| 82 | Randy | Hale | | Self |
| 83 | Mark | Hamlin | Spokane | Self |
| 84 | Carolyn | Hartt | Tacoma | Self |
| 85 | Susan | Haskins | Coupeville | Self |
| 86 | Kalleen | Henderson | Tacoma | Self |
| 87 | Karen | Hertz | Bothell | Self |
| 88 | Wade | Higgins | Renton | Self |
| 89 | Judith | Hill | Seattle | Self |
| 90 | Julia | Hochner | Seattle | Self |
| 91 | Frances | Hogan | Vashon | Self |
| 92 | Jeff | Holt | Stevenson | Self |
| 93 | Tina | Horowitz | Philadelphia | Self |
| 94 | Roxanne | Hubbard | Enumclaw | Self |
| 95 | Sandra | Huntington | Renton | Self |
| 96 | Rod | Irwin | Seattle | Self |
| 97 | Bettye | Johnson | Rainier | Self |
| 98 | Cynthia | Johnson | Seattle | Self |

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| 100 | Denise | Jones | Issaquah | Self |
| 101 | Robert | Kenny | Clinton | Self |
| 102 | Neema | Kharva | Redmond | Self |
| 103 | Jean | Kilts | Eatonville | Self |
| 104 | Elisabeth | Knapp | Seattle | Self |
| 105 | Paul | Kreemer | Seattle | Self |
| 106 | Greg | Lange | Edmonds | Self |
| 107 | Kirsten | Lauzon | Seattle | Self |
| 108 | Elese | Lebsack | Seattle | Self |
| 109 | Jerry | Liebermann | Seattle | Self |
| 110 | Shirley | Linburgh | Bothell | Self |
| 111 | Jan | Livingston | Mukilteo | Self |
| 112 | Ken | Livingston | Mukilteo | Self |
| 113 | Traci | Livingston | | Self |
| 114 | Laura | Lotz | Seabeck | Self |
| 115 | Amity | Lumper | Seattle | Self |
| 116 | Marie | Macaluso | Seattle | Self |
| 117 | Jackie | MacCormac | Seattle | Self |
| 118 | Douglas | MacKenzie | Bainbridge Island | Self |
| 119 | Susinn | MacMerchys | Everett | Self |
| 120 | Mela | MacVittie | Ferndale | Self |
| 121 | C.P. | Malus | Eastsound | Self |
| 122 | Sharon | Mann | Tukwila | Self |
| 123 | Shannon | Markley | Seattle | Self |
| 124 | Jerry | Martin | Bellevue | Self |
| 125 | Ernest | Masotta | Seattle | Self |
| 126 | Colin | May | Bellevue | Self |
| 127 | Cathy | McBeth | Newman Lake | Self |
| 128 | Laura | McCarty | Seattle | Self |
| 129 | Deana | McCauley | Auburn | Self |
| 130 | Abraham | McClurg | Seattle | Self |
| 131 | Frank | McCracken | Tacoma | Self |
| 132 | Shauna | McGinn | Bellingham | Self |
| 133 | Lisa | McGlashan | Seattle | Self |
| 134 | Libby | McLarty | Vashon | Self |
| 135 | Emelie | McNett | Burien | Self |
| 136 | Sharon | McWillis | Bothell | Self |
| 137 | Sharon | Mehaffey | Spokane | Self |
| 138 | Linda | Merrick | Bothell | Self |
| 139 | Sondra | Methmann-Evans | Kirkland | Self |
| 140 | John | Meyer | Seattle | Self |
| 141 | Delynn | Miles | Bremerton | Self |
| 142 | Charles | Miller | Kirkland | Self |
| 143 | Patrick | Moore | Chewelah | Self |
| 144 | Greg | Mooseker | Seattle | Self |
| 145 | Bobbie | Morgan | Bainbridge Island | Self |
| 146 | Frank | Moulton | Cheney | Self |
| 147 | Robert | Mueller | Seattle | Self |
| 148 | Charles | Munat | Bainbridge Island | Self |

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| 150 | George | Mye, Jr. | Yelm | Self |
| 151 | Helen | Neely | Renton | Self |
| 152 | Donna | Nelson | Federal Way | Self |
| 153 | Kenneth | Nelson | Federal Way | Self |
| 154 | Pat | Ness | Clallam Bay | Self |
| 155 | Nancy | Newman | Port Angeles | Self |
| 156 | Hugh | Oake | Tacoma | Self |
| 157 | Molly | Oberbillig | Olympia | Self |
| 158 | Mary | O'Shea | Bainbridge Island | Self |
| 159 | Katherine | Ostrom | Seattle | Self |
| 160 | Linda | Owen | Monroe | Self |
| 161 | Leah | Paterson | Ferndale | Self |
| 162 | Stephen | Peterson | Bellingham | Self |
| 163 | Dean | Petrich | Freeland | Self |
| 164 | Andrea | Pike | Ferndale | Self |
| 165 | Maya | Place | | Self |
| 166 | Virginia | Prang | Seattle | Self |
| 167 | Janet | Price | Yelm | Self |
| 168 | Linda | Pye | Seattle | Self |
| 169 | Ashley | Rawhouser | Bellingham | Self |
| 170 | Judy | Rene | Covington | Self |
| 171 | Rik | Reynolds | Joyce | Self |
| 172 | T. | Rivet | Seattle | Self |
| 173 | Patricia | Rodgers | Bothell | Self |
| 174 | Howard | Rose | Seattle | Self |
| 175 | Barbara | Rosenkotter | Deer Harbor | Self |
| 176 | Greg | Roth | Longview | Self |
| 177 | R. | S. | Olympia | Self |
| 178 | Monika | Sabol | Port Orchard | Self |
| 179 | Keith | Scarmato | Seattle | Self |
| 180 | Ashley | Schulze | Gig Harbor | Self |
| 181 | Nancy | Sendler | Port Townsend | Self |
| 182 | Tauri | Senn | Seattle | Self |
| 183 | Peter | Shaw | Vancouver | Self |
| 184 | Ronald | Shimono | Issaquah | Self |
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| 186 | Forest | Shomer | Port Townsend | Self |
| 187 | Stacey | Showlund | Marysville | Self |
| 188 | Alan | Sleep | Olympia | Self |
| 189 | Brian | Smith | Renton | Self |
| 190 | Lorrie | Smith | Yakima | Self |
| 191 | Leslie | Smith-Duss | Seattle | Self |
| 192 | Kevin | Spath | Seattle | Self |
| 193 | Riley | Spath | Seattle | Self |
| 194 | Alexander | Spielhagen | Leavenworth | Self |
| 195 | Erica | Springstead | Port Townsend | Self |
| 196 | John | Steer | Seattle | Self |
| 197 | Robert | Stevenson | Spokane | Self |
| 198 | John | Stewart | Seattle | Self |

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| 200 Jonathan | Stier | Seattle | Self |
| 201 Tracey | Stover | Seattle | Self |
| 202 Lee | Sturdivant | Friday Harbor | Self |
| 203 Delia | Tapp | Seattle | Self |
| 204 Murphy | Tapp | Seattle | Self |
| 205 Mason | Taylor | Seattle | Self |
| 206 Robert | Taylor | Seattle | Self |
| 207 Allison | Thomas | Bellingham | Self |
| 208 Juliet | Thompson | Bellingham | Self |
| 209 Lynn | Thompson | Clarkston | Self |
| 210 Angela | Thostrud | Seattle | Self |
| 211 Ruth | Thurston | Fircrest | Self |
| 212 Todd | Tollefson | Seattle | Self |
| 213 Eric | VanderWaal | Seattle | Self |
| 214 Anna M. | VanFrachen | Seattle | Self |
| 215 Denise | Virgil | Renton | Self |
| 216 Robert | von Tobel | Redmond | Self |
| 217 Renee' | Wagner | Kirkland | Self |
| 218 Sean | Walden | Seattle | Self |
| 219 Kristen | Wallway | Vancouver | Self |
| 220 Frank | Walter | Tacoma | Self |
| 221 Juliet | Weiss | Sammamish | Self |
| 222 Teresa | Wenda | Bellingham | Self |
| 223 Patricia | Williford | Kirkland | Self |
| 224 Kelly | Willmorth | Ephrata | Self |
| 225 Fred | Wise | Issaquah | Self |
| 226 Deborah | Wolf | Seattle | Self |
| 227 Barbara | Wood | Burley | Self |
| 228 Heather | Wood | Clarkston | Self |
| 229 Deborah | Woolston | Kirkland | Self |
| 230 Grace | Zeamer | Vancouver | Self |
| 231 John | Znac | Seattle | Self |