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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE OBJECTIONS
TO EXPEDITED RULEMAKING PROCESS
(By Monday, April 9, 2007)**

Re: Rulemaking to Repeal WAC 480-62-155, Train Speeds
Docket TR-070198

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 7, 2007, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser an expedited rulemaking (CR-105) under Docket TR-070198. The proposal would repeal WAC 480-62-155, Train speeds.

In June 2006, the Legislature adopted revisions to RCW 81.48.040, including a clear process for railroads to follow to increase train speeds. WAC 480-62-155, Train speeds, outlined the previous procedure used when the Commission considered whether to alter train speed limits, either upon petition or upon its own motion. Because the revisions to RCW 81.48.040 established a new train speed increase process, this rule is no longer necessary.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to file objections to this expedited rulemaking process by filing with the Commission Secretary either by electronic transmission as described below, or by physical delivery to 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250, no later than 5:00 p.m., Monday, April 9, 2007. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/070198. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the proposed rules mailed to you, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

Electronic copies. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for additional paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- * The docket number of this proceeding (TR-070198)
- * The commenting party's name
- * The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/070198>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

If you have questions regarding this expedited rulemaking, please contact Betty Young at (360) 664-1202, or you may e-mail her at byoung@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary