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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT RULES  
AND  
NOTICE TO RESPOND TO SMALL BUSINESS ECONOMIC IMPACT  
STATEMENT (SBEIS) QUESTIONNAIRE  
(Due by February 11, 2008)**

Re: Telecommunications Service Extension Rulemaking –  
WAC 480-120-071, WAC 480-123, Docket UT-073014

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) initiated this rulemaking on telecommunications service extension on August 10, 2007. Since the workshop held on October 4, 2007, and recent comments on September 14, 2007, the Commission has prepared a set of draft rules for telecommunications service extensions. The draft rules are posted on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/073014>.

**Comment on Draft Rules.** The Commission has completed a discussion draft of revisions to WAC 480-120-071 and 480-120-103. The discussion draft is available for your review and comment on the Commission's web site noted above. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the draft rules mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234. The Commission requests that interested persons submit comments to the Commission **no later than 5:00 pm on February 11, 2008**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in Adobe Acrobat format ".pdf" or in Word 97 or later ".doc" electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate responses from the comments. Electronic comments may be submitted via the Commission's Web portal ([www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://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 (UT-073014).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

Alternatively interested persons may submit comments by mail or by 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. Please 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/073014](http://www.utc.wa.gov/073014).

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document.

**Responses to SBEIS Questionnaire.** The Commission requests that telecommunications companies provide information concerning whether the draft rules developed by the Commission create additional costs for your company. The cost information you provide concerning these draft rules will assist the Commission in determining whether a Small Business Economic Impact Statement (SBEIS) is required, and if so, to assess the possible costs of the rules.

Washington's Regulatory Fairness Act, RCW 19.85, is intended to focus an agency's attention on the economic impact of proposed rules on affected businesses, involve affected businesses in developing rules, and minimize any disproportionate impact of the rules on small businesses.

Before adopting a rule that will impose more than minor costs on an industry, the Commission must analyze the compliance costs for **both large and small** businesses (including lost sales or revenue), involve small businesses in the development of the rule, take feasible steps to reduce the economic impact of the rule on small businesses, and prepare an SBEIS. A "small business" is any profit-making entity that has 50 or fewer employees.

The Commission requests that telecommunications companies submit to the Commission **no later than 5:00 pm on February 11, 2008**, their analysis of whether the draft rules impose a cost impact on the company. Please be sure to include:

- your company name
- company contact person
- contact phone number
- the number of people your company employs

For each draft rule for which you identify a cost impact, please provide, at a minimum, the following information:

1. Identify the rule number and section, e.g., WAC 480-120-071(3), the company identifies as having a cost impact.
2. Identify any proposed change from the current rule to the draft rule that creates an additional cost impact on the company;
3. Explain the basis for the cost impact on the company;
4. Provide a detailed analysis of how the company calculated the cost impact of the draft rule; and
5. Identify any draft rule that may create a cost savings to the company compared to the current rule.

Similar to submitting comments on draft rules, interested persons may submit their responses to the SBEIS questionnaire via the Commission's Web portal ([www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://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). Alternatively interested persons may submit their responses by mail or by delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center.

Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including SBEIS questionnaire responses, will be posted on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/073014> as it becomes available. If you want to receive ongoing information about 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), or (3) mail a written request to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

When contacting the Commission regarding this rulemaking, please refer to Docket UT-073014 to ensure you will be placed on the appropriate service list or otherwise to ensure a prompt response.

The Commission appreciates your prompt consideration and response in this matter. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Sharyn Bate at (360) 664-1295, or [sbate@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sbate@utc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Executive Secretary