

September 28, 2001

**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON  
PROPOSED RULES  
(October 24, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING  
(November 16, 2001)**

RE: Pipeline Safety Fee Methodology (WAC 480-93-240 and WAC 480-75-240)  
Docket No. UG-010522

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made toward rulemaking for permanent rules related to establishing the methodology for collecting pipeline safety fees, and to provide notice of an opportunity to file written comments on the proposed rules and participate in the formal rule adoption hearing.

On September 28, 2001, the Commission filed a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (CR-102) with the Code Reviser. A copy of the CR-102 is enclosed for your convenience. This action begins the final part of the rulemaking process, which includes a written comment period, a public adoption hearing, and a decision by the Commission.

**NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the proposed rules to the Commission 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., Wednesday, October 24, 2001. The proposed rules, as filed with the Code Reviser, are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at [www.wutc.wa.gov/010522](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/010522). 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 also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high

density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (WordPerfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- \* The docket number of this proceeding (UG-010522)
- \* The commenting party's name
- \* The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- \* The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov); if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. 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>.

**NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the recommendation for the adoption of the proposed rules at 9:30 a.m., Friday, November 16, 2001. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Sondra Walsh. She may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at [swalsh@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:swalsh@wutc.wa.gov), or by calling 360-664-1286.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN  
Secretary

Enclosures