

Attachment C

Proposed Rules

Adoption by reference rulemaking - 2001

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Chapter 480-14 Motor Carriers Excluding Household Goods Carriers and Common Brokers

Repeal - Moved to WAC 480-14-999

~~WAC 480-14-060 — Adoption by reference defined.~~

~~Where referred to in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:~~

~~(1) "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) refers to the version in effect on April 1, 1999.~~

~~(2) "Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations," cited as 49 CFR, includes the regulations and all appendices and amendments in effect on October 1, 1998.~~

~~(3) The documents are available for public inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the headquarters office of the commission. A copy of either document may be obtained upon request from the commission secretary, subject to any pertinent charge.~~

~~—The Code of Federal Regulations is also available from the Government Printing Office, Seattle office.~~

Amend

WAC 480-14-040 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

(1) The term "motor carrier" means "common carrier," "private carrier" and "exempt carrier," as herein defined.

(2) The term "common carrier" means any person who undertakes to transport property, including general commodities, materials transported by armored car service, and/or hazardous materials, for the general public by motor vehicle for compensation, including motor vehicle operations of other carriers by rail or water and of express or forwarding companies. For the purposes of chapter 480-12 15 WAC, the term "common carrier" also includes persons engaged in the business of transporting household goods as common carriers or of providing, contracting for, or undertaking to provide transportation of property for compensation over the public highways of the state of Washington as brokers or forwarders.

(3) The term "private carrier" means a person who, in its own vehicle, transports only property owned or being bought or sold by it in good faith and only when such transportation is purely an incidental adjunct to some established private business owned or operated by it in good faith.

(4) The term "exempt carrier" means any person operating a vehicle exempted from certain provisions of the act under RCW 81.80.040.

(5) The terms "registered carrier" and "registered exempt carrier" have the meanings set out in WAC 480-14-290.

(6) The term "carrier of hazardous materials" means any person who transports radioactive materials, hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances as defined in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations. [Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#)

(7) The term "carrier of general commodities" means any person transporting the property of others for compensation, except persons performing the service of transporting household goods as defined in ~~WAC 480-12-990~~ [15-020](#).

(8) The term "armored car service" means carriers transporting property of very high value (gold, silver, currency, valuable securities, jewels and other property of very high value) using specially constructed armored trucks and providing police protection to safeguard freight while it is being transported and delivered. It also means carriers which operate ordinary equipment in the carriage of high value commodities when guards are necessary to accompany the shipment.

Amend

WAC 480-14-070 Federal regulations, 49 CFR, Part 390 -- Adoption by reference [General Applicability and Definitions.](#)

(1) The provisions of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 390, are adopted and prescribed by the commission, except carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce shall not be subject to the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 390.3, section 390.21, and for the purposes of application of federal regulations on intrastate commerce. [Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#)

(2) With respect to section 390.5, the definitions shown for "exempt intracity zone," "farm to market agricultural transportation," "farm vehicle driver," "farmer," "private motor carrier of passengers," "private motor carrier of property," "school bus," and "school bus operation" shall not apply.

(3) Whenever the designation "commercial motor vehicle" is used, it shall mean a motor carrier as defined in RCW 81.80.010.

(4) "Exempt motor carrier," "motor carrier," "motor vehicle," and "private carrier" shall have the meanings subjoined to them by RCW 81.80.010.

(5) Whenever the designation "director" is used it shall mean the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

Amend

WAC 480-14-250 Insurance requirements; cause for suspension or cancellation.

(1) Requirements. Each applicant for common carrier authority, and each common carrier, shall file with the commission evidence of currently effective liability and property damage insurance written by a company authorized to write such insurance in the state of Washington, covering each motor vehicle as defined in RCW 81.80.010 used or to be used under the permit granted.

(a) For vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings of ten thousand pounds or more, filings shall be for the amount shown on the following table:

Category of Carrier Operation	Filing Required
1. Property (nonhazardous)	\$750,000
2. Hazardous substances, as defined in 49 CFR 171.8 transported in cargo tanks, portable tanks, or hopper-type vehicles with capacities in excess of 3,500 water gallons; or in bulk Class A or B explosives, poison gas (Poison A), liquified compressed gas or compressed gas; or highway route controlled quantity radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.455	\$5,000,000
3. Oil listed in 49 CFR 172.101; hazardous waste, hazardous materials and hazardous substances defined in 49 CFR 171.8 and listed in 49 CFR 172.101, but not mentioned in 2. above or in 4. below	\$1,000,000
4. Any quantity of Class A or B explosives; any quantity of poison gas (Poison A); or highway route controlled quantity radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.455	\$5,000,000

(b) For vehicles with gross vehicle weight ratings less than ten thousand pounds, filings shall be for the amounts shown on the following table:

Category of Carrier Operation	Filing Required
1. Property (nonhazardous)	\$300,000
2. Property (hazardous); any quantity of Class A or B explosives; any quantity of poison gas (Poison A); or highway route controlled quantity radioactive materials as defined in 49 CFR 173.455	\$5,000,000

(c) For taxicabs whose only operation subject to commission jurisdiction is the operation of small parcel general freight service under a permit issued pursuant to chapter 81.80 RCW shall comply with the provisions of RCW 46.72.040 and 46.72.050 in lieu of the above. Such carriers must comply with the reporting requirements of this section.

(d) Carriers registering under WAC 480-14-300 as registered interstate carriers may provide evidence of insurance in the amount prescribed by the Interstate Commerce Commission or its successor agency written by a company authorized to write insurance in any state.

(e) Failure to file and keep such insurance in full force and effect shall be cause for dismissal of an application or cancellation of a permit.

(f) Evidence of insurance shall be submitted either on a uniform motor carrier bodily injury and property damage liability certificate of insurance, filed in triplicate with the commission, or a written binder issued by an insurance agent or insurance company evidencing the coverages as

required above. If a binder is submitted, it shall be effective for not longer than sixty days, during which time the carrier must file the required evidence of insurance.

(2) Insurance, continuation of. Proper evidence of continued insurance shall be filed with the commission not less than ten days prior to termination date of insurance then on file in order that there shall be no question of continuous coverage as required by law.

(3) Insurance endorsement. All liability and property damage insurance policies issued to motor freight carriers shall carry a "uniform motor carrier bodily injury and property damage liability endorsement."

(4) Insurance termination. All insurance policies issued under the requirements of chapter 81.80 RCW shall provide that the same shall continue in full force and effect unless and until canceled by at least thirty days' written notice served on the insured and the Washington utilities and transportation commission by the insurance company, with the thirty days' notice to commence to run from the date notice is actually received by the commission, except for binders which may be cancelled on ten days' written notice. Notice of cancellation or expiration shall be submitted in duplicate on forms prescribed by the commission and shall not be submitted more than sixty days before the desired termination date, except binders which may be cancelled by written notification from the insurance agency or the insurance company on ten days' written notice. No common carrier may operate upon the public highways of this state without insurance as required in this section. The permit of any common carrier who fails to maintain evidence on file that its insurance is in current force and effect as required herein shall be suspended by operation of law beginning with the time of the failure, until the permit is canceled or the cause of the suspension is cured and the permit is reinstated. The commission will make a good faith effort to notify carriers of impending suspension for failure to maintain evidence of insurance and will make a good faith effort to enter a timely order of suspension, but failure to do so shall not invalidate the suspension.

[\(5\) Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#)

Amend

WAC 480-14-360 Equipment -- Inspection -- Ordered out-of-service for repairs.

(1) All motor vehicles operated under chapter 81.80 RCW shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. They shall at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who shall have power to order out of service any vehicle meeting the out-of-service criteria standards contained in the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria, or which is not being operated in compliance with state laws in regard to equipment or method.

(2) Equipment standards. The purpose of this section is to identify critical vehicle inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service category subsequent to a safety inspection. The criteria for out-of-service condition are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria. ~~Copies of this document may be viewed at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the commission headquarters office, and are available from the commission upon request.~~ [Information about the North American Out-of-Service Criteria regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#)

(3) Out-of-service condition. When any vehicle(s) is in out-of-service condition, no motor carrier shall require nor shall any person operate such motor vehicle declared and marked "out-of-service" until all required repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

Amend

WAC 480-14-370 Equipment -- Drivers -- Safety.

In addition to other laws and regulations of this state, all motor vehicles operating under chapter 81.80 RCW shall comply with the following:

(1) Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing motor carrier safety prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 392; part 393; part 396; part 397; as well as and including all appendices and amendments thereto are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all common, private, registered, and registered exempt carriers operating under chapter 81.80 RCW. Exceptions: Carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce are not subject to provisions of 49 CFR, part 392.2 and with respect to 49 CFR, part 396.11, no driver vehicle inspection report need be filed if no defects are found.

[Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#)

(2) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsection (1) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

(3) Safety chains or other load fastening devices. Any motor truck, truck tractor, trailer, semi-trailer, or any combination thereof, transporting logs upon a public highway where binder devices are required, shall have the load thereon securely fastened and protected as follows:

(a) Placement and number of wrappers required on log trucks using stakes.

(i) In the hauling of one log loads, one wrapper chain or cable shall be required and it shall be secured to the rear bunk and the log shall be properly blocked or secured in a manner which will prevent it from rolling or shifting. An additional wrapper, secured to the front bunk, is optional.

(ii) In the hauling of two log loads, not less than two wrapper chains or cables shall be used to secure the load. The logs shall be properly blocked to prevent them from rolling or shifting.

(iii) On loads consisting of three or four logs not over forty-four feet in length, the load shall be secured by not less than two properly spaced wrapper chains or cables. Ends of short logs not secured by such wrappers shall be secured with extra wrappers. If any log is over forty-four feet in length, the load shall be secured by not less than three properly spaced wrappers.

(iv) Loads consisting of five or more logs, when the logs are all seventeen feet or less in length, shall be secured by not less than two properly spaced wrappers. Loads consisting of five or more logs, when any log is over seventeen feet in length, shall be secured by not less than three properly spaced wrappers.

(b) Placement and number of wrappers required on log trucks using chock blocks.

(i) In the hauling of one log load, one wrapper chain or cable shall be required and secured to the rear bunk and the log shall be properly blocked in a manner to prevent it from rolling or shifting.

(ii) One additional wrapper chain or cable shall be required on log trucks using chock blocks over and above the requirements in (a)(iii) and (iv) of this subsection.

(c) Placement and number of wrappers required on crosswise loaded trucks, trailers, etc. In the case of short logs loaded crosswise, the following method of securing the load shall be used if the truck trailer is not provided with solid ends of a height sufficient to prevent any log in the load from rolling off: Not less than two chock blocks shall be used at each open end of the vehicle and the load shall be held with at least two wrapper chains or cables. The wrappers shall be firmly attached to the end of the truck or trailer. Rigid standards or stakes may be used in lieu of chock blocks but each such standard or stake shall be either rigidly connected to the bed of the truck or trailer or shall be placed in a tight fitting socket at least twelve inches in depth. Other means furnishing equivalent security may be acceptable.

(d) Wrapper placement. When two wrappers are required, they shall be applied within six feet of the front and rear bunks. When more than two wrappers are required, the front and back binder shall be applied within six feet of the front and rear bunks.

(e) Short logs. To properly secure short logs, binders shall be placed near the end, not less than twelve inches from the end of the log.

(f) Log on top or in outside saddle. No log loaded on top or in outside saddles of a load shall be transported unless secured by not less than two wrapper chains or cables, one of which shall be placed near each end of such log.

(g) Fasten in place. All wrappers and binders shall be fastened in place prior to tightening to prevent the displacement of logs on the top of the load.

(h) Surround load. All wrapper chains or cables, except in the case of one log loads, shall entirely surround the load. This does not apply to gut-wrappers.

(i) Gut-wrappers. Gut-wrappers, when used, shall be adjusted so as to be tightened by, but not carry the weight of the logs above them.

(j) Wrappers and binders to be placed before leaving immediate loading area. Wrappers and binders shall be placed and tightened around the completed load before the truck leaves the immediate loading area.

(k) Construction of wrappers and binders. Wrapper chains or cables, binders, fasteners, or attachments thereof, used for any purpose as required by these standards, shall have a minimum breaking strength of not less than fifteen thousand pounds and shall be rigged so that it can be safely released.

(l) Bundle straps or banding. For the purposes of this standard, applied bundle straps or banding are not acceptable as wrappers and binders.

(m) Loose ends secured. All loose ends of wrapper chains or cables shall be securely fastened so as to prevent their swinging free in a manner that will create a hazard.

(n) Trucks in sorting yards. Trucks and trailers used around sorting yards, etc., which travel at slow speeds, will not be required to use wrappers providing all logs are contained by and lie below the height of the stakes and there are no persons on the ground exposed to such traffic.

(o) Binder hook design. Binders for securing wrappers on logging trucks shall be fitted with hooks of proper size and design for the wrapper chain being used.

(p) Defective wrappers. Wrappers shall be removed from service when any of the following conditions exist:

- (i) Excessively worn links on chains;
- (ii) Deformed or stretched chain links;

- (iii) Cracked chain links;
- (iv) Frayed, stranded, knotted, or otherwise defective wire rope.
- (q) Binder extensions. Pipe extension handles (swedes) for tightening or securing binders shall be limited to not longer than thirty-six inches. Care shall be taken that a sufficient amount of the pipe extends over the binder handle.
- (r) Defective binders. Defective binders shall be immediately removed from service.

Note:

See the following Diagrams for illustrations of placement and number of load fastening devices.

PLACEMENT AND NUMBER OF WRAPPERS

Place illustration here.

One log load

Two log load

Place illustration here.

Three or four log load forty-four feet or less

Place illustration here.

Three or four log loads more than forty four feet

Place illustration here.

Five or six log load all logs seventeen feet or less

Place illustration here.

Seven or more log load all logs seventeen feet or less

Place illustration here.

Five or more log load if any logs are more than seventeen feet

Place illustration here.

Outside logs or top logs

Place illustration here.

A wrapper shall be near each bunk

Place illustration here.

Proper support for logs

Place illustration here.

Short logs loaded crosswise

Place illustration here.

Note: All loads of logs on logging trucks equipped with chock blocks instead of stakes, shall have at least one additional wrapper over and above the requirements for trucks equipped with stakes, excepting on one and two log loads and trucks with short logs loaded crosswise.

(4) Approved load fastening devices. The following binder devices are hereby approved for purposes of transporting logs as referred to in subsection (3) of this section, provided that they meet a breaking strength of at least fifteen thousand pounds:

- (a) Three-eighths inch high-test steel chain;
- (b) One-half inch diameter steel cable; and
- (c) Steel strapping not less than two inches by fifty one-thousandths inches in dimension.

(5) Anti-spray devices. Every vehicle shall be equipped with a device adequate to effectively reduce the wheel spray or splash of water from the roadway to the rear thereof. All such devices shall be as wide as the tires behind which they are mounted and extend downward at least to the center of the axle.

(6) Pole trailers.

(a) Welded reach extension prohibited. No motor carrier shall operate a pole trailer that has had the length of its reach extended by welding or any other means, except that a telescopic reach manufactured and designed to extend by using an inner and outer reach with securing clamp shall be permissible. In addition to the securing clamp on a telescopic reach there must be a secondary device to keep the inner and outer reach from separating. The term "reach" as used in this rule means the steel tube that joins the axle(s) of the pole trailer to the rear of the power unit towing the trailer.

(b) Damaged reach. No motor carrier shall operate a pole trailer that has sustained cracks to the reach nor shall it be permissible to operate a trailer that has had welded repair or repair of any kind made to cracks in the reach.

(c) Empty pole trailers. Any empty pole trailer loaded upon any truck-tractor (except pole trailers that straddle the truck-tractor bunks) shall be fastened to the truck-tractor by not less than one 5/16 inch, grade seven or better chain and one tensioning or locking device in such a manner as to prevent the pole trailer from falling or shifting while in transit. The chain shall be securely fastened between the forward point on the reach tunnel and a point on the truck-tractor frame or from either axle of the pole trailer to a point directly below on the truck-tractor frame or crossmember.

(7) Qualifications of drivers. Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing qualifications of drivers prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 382, part 383, and part 391, as well as and including all appendices and amendments thereto, are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all common, private, registered, and registered exempt carriers operating under chapter 81.80 RCW. [Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-14-999.](#) ~~except~~ Exception: Carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce:

(a) The minimum age requirement for drivers prescribed in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 391.11(b) shall be eighteen years of age.

(b) With respect to the limited exemption prescribed in section 391.61, the time period identified therein shall be the period of time prior to October 20, 1979.

(c) With respect to the limited exemptions prescribed in sections 391.65 and 391.71, the time periods identified in these sections shall have as a starting date October 20, 1979.

(d) Sections 391.21, 391.23, 391.25, 391.27, 391.31, 391.33, 391.35, and 391.37 shall not apply to a single vehicle owner driver private carrier, or to a single vehicle owner driver common carrier when operating under its own permit.

(e) Section 391.49 shall not apply when a driver has obtained from the department of licensing the proper drivers license endorsement and restrictions (if any) for the operation of the motor vehicle the person is driving.

(f) The provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of section 391.2, section 391.69, subparagraph (2) of paragraph 391.71(a), and subparagraph (4) of paragraph 391.71(b) shall not apply.

(g) Carriers operating vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than ten thousand pounds shall not be subject to the provisions of part 391 unless the vehicle is being used to transport hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded in accordance with WAC 480-14-390.

(8) Out-of-service criteria. All drivers operating motor vehicles under chapter 81.80 RCW shall do so in compliance with the safety rules and regulations defined therein. Duly authorized personnel of the commission shall have the power to order out-of-service any driver found to be operating in violation of those rules and regulations. The criteria for conditions under which a driver may be ordered out-of-service are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria [on the date specified in WAC 480-14-999.](#) ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(9) Whenever the designation "director, office of motor carrier safety" is used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsection (6) of this section, such designation for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission," located in Olympia, Washington.

Amend

WAC 480-14-380 Hours of service -- On duty -- ~~Adoption of f~~ Federal safety regulations.

The rules and regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 395 [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-14-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all common, private, registered and registered exempt carriers operating under chapter 81.80 RCW, except:

(1) A driver who is driving a motor vehicle in the hauling of logs from the point of production or in dump truck operations, exclusively in intrastate commerce, shall not drive nor be permitted to drive more than twelve hours following eight consecutive hours off duty. Such driver shall not be on duty nor be permitted to be on duty more than ninety hours in any period of seven consecutive days.

(2) A driver who is driving a motor vehicle in the hauling of agricultural products from the point of production on farms, exclusively in intrastate commerce, shall not drive nor be permitted to drive more than twelve hours following eight consecutive hours off duty. Such driver shall not be on duty nor be permitted to be on duty more than ninety hours in any period of seven consecutive days.

(3) The rules and regulations governing driver's daily logs prescribed in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, section 395.8 and adopted in this section, do not apply to a driver who drives exclusively in intrastate commerce and wholly within a radius of one hundred miles of the terminal or garage at which he or she reports for work, if the motor carrier who employs the driver maintains and retains for a period of one year accurate and true records showing the total number of hours of driving time and the time that the driver is on duty each day and the time at which the driver reports for, and is released from, duty each day. A tacograph showing the required driver hourly information may be substituted for the required records.

(4) Carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce operating vehicles with a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) of less than ten thousand one pounds shall not be subject to the provisions of part 395 unless the vehicle is being used to transport hazardous materials of a type or quantity that requires the vehicle to be marked or placarded in accordance with WAC 480-14-390.

Amend

WAC 480-14-390 Hazardous materials regulations.

(1) The rules and regulations governing hazardous materials prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, parts 170-189, as well as and including all appendices and amendments thereto [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-14-999](#), are adopted and prescribed by the commission to define hazardous materials for motor vehicle transportation purposes, and to state the precautions that must be observed in storage, packaging, loading, and unloading such materials, and in maintaining, placarding, marking, and certifying motor vehicles and equipment used in transporting such materials, and in the maintenance of shipping papers prepared in conjunction with transporting such materials. The rules and regulations adopted and prescribed by this rule shall be observed by all common and registered carriers operating in this state.

(2) In addition to any accident reporting requirement now or hereafter prescribed by the commission, every common and registered carrier operating in this state who reports to the United States Department of Transportation any incidents occurring in this state involving hazardous materials, shall send a copy of any such report to the commission.

(3) Out-of-service criteria.

(a) All motor vehicles operated under chapter 81.80 RCW shall be operated in compliance with the rules and regulations governing the transportation of hazardous materials. They shall at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who shall have power to order out-of-service any vehicle meeting the standards set forth in this section, or is not being operated in compliance with laws in regard to equipment or method.

(b) Standards. The purpose of this section is to identify critical hazardous materials inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service or restricted service category subsequent to an inspection. The criteria for out-of-service condition or restricted service condition are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria [in effect on the date](#) specified [in WAC 480-14-999](#). ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(i) Out-of-service condition. No motor carrier shall require nor shall any person operate a motor vehicle(s) when an out-of-service condition is found to exist. The vehicle shall not be allowed to continue in operation until the unsafe condition is corrected and the shipment thereon complies with applicable laws, rules, and regulations: Provided, That if safety may be jeopardized by an out-of-service action at the inspection site, the vehicle(s) may be escorted to a safer location.

Amend

WAC 480-14-400 Transportation of radioactive materials -- Driving and parking rules.

(1) Attendance and surveillance of motor vehicles.

(a) Except as provided in (b) of this subsection, a motor vehicle containing an amount of radioactive material requiring highway route control pursuant to CFR part 173.403 [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-14-999](#) must be attended at all times by its driver or a qualified representative of the motor carrier that operates it.

(b) Subdivision (a) of this subsection shall not apply if all of the following conditions exist:

(i) The vehicle is located on the property of the motor carrier, on the property of a shipper or consignee of the radioactive material, or in a safe haven; and

(ii) The lawful bailee of the radioactive material is aware of the nature of the radioactive material the vehicle contains and has been instructed in the procedures that must be followed in emergencies; and

(iii) The vehicle is within the bailee's unobstructed field of view.

(c) For purposes of this section:

(i) A motor vehicle is attended when the person in charge of the vehicle is on the vehicle, awake, and not in a sleeper berth, or is within one hundred feet of the vehicle with an unobstructed field of view;

(ii) A qualified representative of a motor carrier is a person who:

(A) Has been designated by the carrier to attend the vehicle;

(B) Is aware of the nature of the radioactive materials contained in the vehicle;

(C) Has been instructed in the procedures to be followed in emergencies; and

(D) Is authorized to move the vehicle and has the means and ability to do so.

(d) A safe haven is an area specifically approved in writing by local, state or federal government authorities for the parking of unattended vehicles containing highway route controlled quantities of radioactive material.

(e) The rules in this section do not relieve a driver from any obligation imposed by law relating to the placing of warning devices when a motor vehicle is stopped on the public street or highway.

(2) Parking. A motor vehicle which contains an amount of radioactive material requiring highway route control must not be parked:

(a) On or within five feet of the traveled portion of a public street or highway;

(b) On private property (including premises of a fueling or eating facility) without the knowledge and consent of the person who is in charge of the property and who is aware of the nature of the hazardous materials the vehicle contains; or

(c) Within three hundred feet of a bridge, tunnel, dwelling, building, or place where people work, congregate, or assemble, except for brief periods when the necessities of operation require the vehicle to be parked and make it impracticable to park the vehicle in any other place.

New Section

WAC 480-14-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

(1) **North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria (CVSA)** is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 2001.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-14-360, 480-14-370 and 480-14-390.

(c) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.

(2) **Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations**, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-14-040, 480-14-070, 480-14-250, 480-14-360, 480-14-370, 480-14-380, 480-14-390 and 480-14-400.

(c) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.

Chapter 480-15 Household Goods Carriers

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~~WAC 480-15-040 — Adoption by reference.~~

We have adopted by reference the following publications:

- ~~— (1) "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, in effect on April 1, 1999.~~
- ~~— (2) The sections of "Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations," cited as 49 CFR, listed below, including all regulations and appendices and amendments to those sections in effect on October 1, 1998:~~
 - ~~— (a) 49 CFR Part 382: Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing;~~
 - ~~— (b) 49 CFR Part 383: Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties;~~
 - ~~— (c) 49 CFR Part 390: Safety Regulations, General;~~
 - ~~— (d) 49 CFR Part 391: Qualification of Drivers;~~
 - ~~— (e) 49 CFR Part 392: Driving of Motor Vehicles;~~
 - ~~— (f) 49 CFR Part 393: Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operations;~~
 - ~~— (g) 49 CFR Part 395: Hours of Service of Drivers;~~
 - ~~— (h) 49 CFR Part 396: Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance; and~~
 - ~~— (i) 49 CFR Part 397: Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Driving and Parking.~~

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~~WAC 480-15-050 — Where may I get copies of documents adopted by reference?~~

- ~~(1) The North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria may be viewed at the branch of the Washington state library housed at the commission's headquarters and is available for a fee from the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance and third party vendors.~~
- ~~— (2) Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations may be viewed at the branch of the Washington state library housed at the commission's headquarters and is available for a fee from the GPO (Government Printing Office) and third party vendors.~~

Amend

WAC 480-15-560 Equipment safety requirements.

- (1) What is [are](#) the commission's equipment safety [policy requirements?](#) All motor vehicles operated under the provisions of this chapter must be at all times:
 - (a) Maintained in a safe and sanitary condition;
 - (b) Free of defects likely to result in an accident or breakdown; and
 - (c) Made available for inspection by commission representatives.

All motor vehicles having safety defects likely to result in an accident or breakdown will be placed out-of-service and taken off the road until such time as all out-of-service defects have been repaired and the motor vehicle is safe to operate.

- (2) How does the commission enforce [this-these requirements-policy?](#) Commission representatives conduct inspections of motor vehicles and safety operations. These representatives may place out-of-service any motor vehicle having a defect defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria [as adopted in WAC 480-15-999](#). No motor vehicle

which has been placed out-of-service may be operated until all out-of-service defects are repaired and the motor vehicle is safe to operate.

(3) How must a household goods carrier identify its motor vehicles? A household goods carrier must display its permit name and number, as registered with the commission, on both the driver and passenger doors of all power units.

(a) All markings on the power unit must be:

(i) Clearly legible;

(ii) No less than three inches high;

(iii) In a color that contrasts with the background color; and

(iv) Permanent. Exception: You may use temporary markings on vehicles you are operating under lease.

(b) If you have both intrastate and interstate authority, you must display either your commission permit number, federal permit number, or both, on the power unit.

(4) What vehicle safety laws and rules must a household goods carrier follow?

(a) You must comply with:

(i) All state and local motor vehicle safety laws and rules including, but not limited to, those contained in this chapter;

(ii) The following parts of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR), as adopted by reference in this chapter [on the date specified in WAC 480-15-999](#):

(A) 49 CFR Part 390: Safety Regulations, General; except:

(D) The terms "exempt motor carrier," "motor carrier," "motor vehicle," and "private carrier" have the meanings assigned to them in this chapter;

(II) The term "commercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle used by a household goods carrier to transport household goods, if either the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of ten thousand one pounds or more; or if the gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight is ten thousand one pounds or more;

(III) Whenever the term "director" is used, it shall mean the commission.

(B) 49 CFR Part 392: Driving of Motor Vehicles;

(C) 49 CFR Part 393: Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation; and

(D) 49 CFR Part 396: Inspection, Repair, and Maintenance.

(b) If you fail to comply with these laws and rules, the commission may issue a citation to you, place your vehicle out-of-service, and/or initiate an administrative proceeding against you. See WAC 480-15-130(3).

(5) Are household goods carriers required to equip their motor vehicles with anti-spray devices (mud flaps)?

(a) Yes, all motor vehicles must be equipped with mud flaps which effectively reduce the spray or splash of water from the road.

(b) Mud flaps must be as wide as the tires on which they are mounted, and must extend from the top of the tires down to at least the center of the axle.

Amend

WAC 480-15-570 Driver safety requirements.

(1) What are the commission's driver safety requirements? No household goods carrier shall employ or allow any driver to operate a motor vehicle who fails to meet minimum criteria related to:

- (a) Driver's licensing;
- (b) Background and character;
- (c) Physical qualifications;
- (d) Hours of service; and
- (e) Controlled substances and alcohol use testing.

(2) How does the commission enforce those requirements? Commission representatives inspect driver and company safety records and documents to determine compliance with these rules. Additionally, the representatives may contact drivers during the course of investigations, inspections, or other routine commission business. The representatives may order out-of-service any driver meeting the conditions defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria [as adopted in WAC 480-15-999](#). No driver who has been placed out-of-service may operate a commercial motor vehicle until all conditions which caused the driver to be placed out-of-service are corrected.

(3) Driver qualification requirements.

(a) You must comply with:

(i) All state and local laws and rules governing driver safety, including, but not limited to, the rules in this chapter;

(ii) The following parts of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations (49 CFR), as adopted by reference in this chapter [on the date specified in WAC 480-15-999](#):

(A) 49 CFR Part 390: Safety Regulations, General; except:

(I) The terms "exempt motor carrier," "motor carrier," "motor vehicle," and "private carrier" have the meanings assigned to them in this chapter;

(II) The term "commercial motor vehicle" means any motor vehicle used by a household goods carrier to transport household goods, if either the vehicle has a gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of ten thousand one pounds or more; or if the gross vehicle weight or gross combination weight is ten thousand one pounds or more;

(III) Whenever the term "director" is used, it shall mean the commission.

(B) 49 CFR Part 382: Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use and Testing;

(C) 49 CFR Part 383: Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties;

(D) 49 CFR Part 391: Qualification of Drivers; and

(E) 49 CFR Part 395: Hours of Service of Drivers.

(b) If you, or your driver, fail to comply with any driver safety law or rule, we may issue a citation to you or your driver, place your driver out-of-service, and/or initiate an administrative proceeding against you. See WAC 480-15-130(3).

(4) Exceptions to the requirements in this rule. The following exceptions apply:

(a) If your operations are exclusively in intrastate commerce, you are not subject to the following provisions:

(i) 49 CFR Part 391.11 (b)(1): Minimum age requirements. The minimum age for drivers of motor carriers operating solely intrastate is eighteen years of age rather than the twenty-one years of age required to operate in interstate commerce.

(ii) 49 CFR Part 391.49: Waiver of certain physical defects. This part does not apply if the driver has obtained from the Washington department of licensing a driver's license with endorsements and/or restrictions allowing operation of the motor vehicle they are driving.

(b) If you are a single vehicle owner-operator and your operations are solely intrastate, you are not subject to the following provisions:

- (i) 49 CFR Part 391.21: Application for Employment;
- (ii) 49 CFR Part 391.23: Investigation and Inquiries;
- (iii) 49 CFR Part 391.25: Annual Review of Driving Record;
- (iv) 49 CFR Part 391.27: Record of Violations;
- (v) 49 CFR Part 391.31: Road Test; and
- (vi) 49 CFR Part 391.33: Equivalent of Road Test.

New Section

WAC 480-15-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

(1) **North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria (CVSA)** is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 2001.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-15-560.

(c) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.

(2) **Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations**, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-15-560 and 480-15-570.

(c) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.

Chapter 480-30 Auto Transportation Companies

Amend

WAC 480-30-010 Definitions.

(1) Unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words, terms, and phrases shall, for the purpose of this order, be given the meanings hereinafter subjoined to them:

(2) The word "state" means the state of Washington.

(3) The word "commission" means the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

(4) The word "certificate" means the certificate authorized to be issued to an auto transportation company for the transportation of passengers or passengers and express under the provisions of chapter 81.68 RCW.

(5) The term "public highway," when used herein, means every street, road or highway in this state.

(6) The term "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles or machines propelled by any power other than muscular, used upon the public highways for the transportation of persons for compensation.

(7) The words "between fixed termini or over a regular route" mean the termini or route between or over which any auto transportation company usually or ordinarily operates any motor propelled vehicle, even though there may be departure from the termini or route, whether the departures are periodic or irregular.

(8) The term "auto transportation company" means every corporation or person, their lessees, trustees, receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever, owning, controlling, operating, or managing any motor propelled vehicle not usually operated on or over rails used in the business of transporting persons, baggage, mail, and express for compensation over any public highway in this state between fixed termini or over a regular route, and not operating exclusively within the incorporated limits of any city or town.

(9) Chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to corporations or persons, their lessees, trustees, receivers, or trustees appointed by any court whatsoever insofar as they own, control, operate, or manage taxicabs, hotel buses, school buses, motor propelled vehicles operated exclusively in transporting agricultural, horticultural, dairy, or other farm products from the point of production to the market, or any other carrier that does not come within the term "auto transportation company" as defined in RCW 81.68.010. Chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to persons operating motor vehicles when operated wholly within the limits of incorporated cities or towns, and for a distance not exceeding three road miles beyond the corporate limits of the city or town in the state of Washington in which the original starting point of the vehicle is located, and which operation either alone or in conjunction with another vehicle or vehicles is not a part of any journey beyond the three-mile limit. Except as specifically provided herein, chapter 480-30 WAC does not apply to commuter ride sharing or ride sharing for the elderly and the handicapped in accordance with RCW 46.74.010, so long as the ride-sharing operation does not compete with nor infringe upon comparable service actually being provided before the initiation of the ride-sharing operation by an existing auto transportation company certificated under chapter 81.68 RCW.

~~—(10) The term "private, nonprofit transportation provider" means any private, nonprofit corporation providing transportation services for compensation solely to elderly or handicapped persons and their attendants.~~

~~—(11) The term "elderly" shall mean any person sixty years of age or older.~~

~~—(12) The term "handicapped" means all persons who, by reason of illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary incapacity or disability, are unable without special facilities or special planning or design to use mass transportation facilities and services as efficiently as persons who are not so affected. Handicapped people include (a) ambulatory persons whose capacities are hindered by sensory disabilities such as blindness or deafness, mental disabilities such as mental retardation or emotional illness, physical disability which still permits the person to walk comfortably, or a combination of these disabilities; (b) semiambulatory persons who require special aids to travel such as canes, crutches, walkers, respirators, or human assistance; and (c) nonambulatory persons who must use wheelchairs or wheelchair-like equipment to travel.~~

Repeal - Moved to WAC 480-30-999

~~WAC 480-30-015 — Adoption by reference defined.~~

~~Where referred to in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:~~

~~—(1) "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) refers to the version in effect on April 1, 1999.~~

~~—(2) "Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations", cited as 49 CFR, includes the regulations and all appendices and amendments in effect on October 1, 1998.~~

~~—(3) The documents are available for public inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the headquarters offices of the commission. A copy of either document may be obtained upon request from the commission secretary, subject to any pertinent charge. The Code of Federal Regulations is also available from the Government Printing Office, Seattle office.~~

Amend

WAC 480-30-030 Certificates -- Auto transportation companies.

(1) No auto transportation company shall operate, establish, or begin operation of a line or route or any extension of any existing line or route for the purpose of transporting persons on the public highways of this state, without first having obtained from the commission a certificate declaring that public convenience and necessity requires, or will require, the establishment and operation of such line or route.

(2) No certificate will be issued to persons operating under a trade name, unless a certificate of said trade name is filed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 19.80.010, and a certified copy thereof filed with the commission.

(3) Certificates must be kept on file at the main office of the owner except when directed to be transmitted to the commission, and shall be subject at all times to inspection by the authorized representatives of the commission.

(4) Any certificate to operate a motor propelled vehicle for the transportation of persons for

compensation obtained upon any application by any false affidavit or representation shall be subject to revocation and cancellation by the commission.

(5) Every auto transportation company shall submit, at the time of filing quarterly reports of gross operating revenue, as required by WAC 480-30-110(1), on forms to be prescribed and furnished by the commission, a list of all vehicles used under its certificate during the preceding quarter, or portion thereof.

(6) All auto transportation companies shall keep on file in their main offices, subject to inspection by the authorized representatives of the commission, a daily record of vehicles used, showing:

- (a) Description of each vehicle used;
- (b) Number of trips and to what points each of said vehicles was operated;
- (c) Drivers' time sheets for each day's employment;
- (d) Copies of all accident reports.

(7) No auto transportation company certificate shall be sold or transferred unless the purchaser thereof shall agree in writing to pay all lawful claims against the seller for loss of or damage to shipments, overcharges, or money collected on C.O.D. shipments that may be presented to him within sixty days after the date of the transfer. The agreement herein provided for must be included in the application to transfer.

(8) No certificate, nor any right thereunder, shall be sold, assigned, leased, transferred or mortgaged except upon authorization by the commission. Application for such sale, assignment, lease, transfer or mortgage must be made up in accordance with subsection (9) of this section, must be joined in by all parties interested and must be accompanied by the original certificate, the same to be held by the commission pending its decision in the matter.

(9) Applications for certificates, extension of service, line or route under certificates, shall be typewritten, on forms to be furnished by the commission, giving all information therein requested and accompanied by the application fee named in subsection (11) of this section.

(10) Application for sale, lease, or transfer, or for authority to mortgage a certificate or any interest therein shall be typewritten on forms to be furnished by the commission, giving all information requested and accompanied by the application fee named in subsection (11) of this section.

(11) Miscellaneous fees:

Application for certificate	\$150.00
Application for extension of service, line or route under a certificate	150.00
Application for sale, transfer, lease, assignment or other encumbering of a certificate or any interest therein	150.00
Application for authority to mortgage a certificate	35.00
Application for issuance of a duplicate certificate	3.00

Exception:

~~— The \$150.00 fees named above are reduced to \$50.00 for applications for private, nonprofit transportation authority under WAC 480-30-035.~~

(12) All applications for a duplicate certificate must be accompanied by affidavit of the holder stating that the original certificate has been lost or destroyed.

(13) Whenever an order is entered by the commission revoking a previous order granting a certificate, or revoking a certificate already issued, and subsequently an application is made for reinstatement of such order or certificate, the party or parties applying for reinstatement shall pay the fee required by the rules for an original application.

(14) Remittances shall be made by money order, bank draft or certified check, made payable to the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

Repeal

WAC 480-30-035 — Certificates -- Private, nonprofit transportation providers.

~~(1) No private, nonprofit transportation provider may operate in this state without first having obtained from the commission a certificate to operate as such.~~

~~— (2) Any right, privilege, or certificate held, owned, or obtained by a private, nonprofit transportation provider may be sold, assigned, leased, transferred, or inherited as other property only upon authorization by the commission.~~

~~— (3) The commission shall issue a certificate to any corporation which files an application, as provided by the commission, which sets forth:~~

~~— (a) Satisfactory proof of status as a private, nonprofit corporation;~~

~~— (b) The kind of service to be provided;~~

~~— (c) The number and type of vehicles to be operated, together with satisfactory proof that the vehicles are adequate for the proposed service and that drivers of such vehicles will be adequately trained and qualified;~~

~~— (d) Any proposed rates, fares, or charges;~~

~~— (e) Satisfactory proof of insurance or surety bond.~~

~~— (4) The commission may deny a certificate to a provider who does not meet the requirements of this section.~~

~~— (5) Each vehicle of a private, nonprofit transportation provider shall carry a copy of the provider's certificate.~~

~~— (6) Every private, nonprofit transportation provider shall comply with all rules and regulations of chapter 480-30 WAC pertaining to auto transportation companies except when inconsistent with this section or when otherwise provided for.~~

~~— (7) Any private, nonprofit transportation provider need not file with the commission a copy of a tariff showing fares, rates, or charges as required by WAC 480-30-050 when such are not levied.~~

~~— (8) Any private, nonprofit transportation provider which does not maintain scheduled service on a regular basis need not file with the commission copies of time schedules as required by WAC 480-30-060.~~

Amend

WAC 480-30-095 Equipment -- Safety.

In addition to other laws and regulations of this state, all motor vehicles operating under chapter 81.68 RCW shall comply with the following:

(1) Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing motor carrier safety prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 392, part 393, part 396, and part 397, [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW. Exceptions: All auto transportation companies operating exclusively in intrastate commerce shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 392.2 and 393.76. Further, with respect to section 396.11 no driver vehicle inspection report need be filed if no defects are found.

(2) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsection (1) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

Amend

WAC 480-30-097 Equipment -- Inspection -- Ordered for repairs.

(1) All motor vehicles operated under chapter 81.68 RCW shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. They shall at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who shall have power to order out-of-service any vehicle meeting the standards set forth in this section, or is not being operated in compliance with state laws in regard to equipment or method.

(2) Equipment standards. The purpose of this section is to identify critical vehicle inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service or restricted service category subsequent to a safety inspection. The criteria for out-of-service condition and restricted service condition are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#). ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(a) Out-of-service condition. When any vehicle(s) is in out-of-service condition, no motor carrier shall require nor shall any person operate such motor vehicle declared and marked "out-of-service" until all required repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

(b) Restricted service condition. Any motor vehicle(s) discovered to be in a restricted service condition, while being operated on the highway, may be placed out-of-service at the inspection site or allowed to continue in operation to a repair facility at a distance not to exceed twenty-five miles, at the discretion of the inspector.

Amend

WAC 480-30-100 Operation of motor vehicles.

(1) All motor vehicles shall be operated in accordance with the requirements of existing state laws and no driver or operator thereof shall operate the same in any other than a careful and prudent manner, nor at any greater speed than is reasonable or proper, having due regard to the traffic and use of the highway by others, or so as to endanger the life and limb of any person.

(2) Qualifications of drivers. Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing qualifications of drivers prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal

Regulations, part 382, part 383 and part 391, excluding section 391.2, [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW except carriers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce:

(a) The minimum age requirement for drivers prescribed in subparagraph (1) of paragraph 391.11(b) shall be eighteen years of age.

(b) With respect to the limited exemption prescribed in section 391.61, the time period identified therein shall be the period of time prior to the effective date of this rule.

(c) With respect to the limited exemptions prescribed in sections 391.65 and 391.71, the time periods identified in these sections shall have as a starting date the effective date of this rule.

(3) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle carrying passengers shall smoke any cigar, cigarette, tobacco or other substance in such vehicle while driving the vehicle.

(4) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle shall create any disturbance or unnecessary noise to attract persons to the vehicle.

(5) The rules and regulations relating to drivers' logs and drivers' hours of service adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 395, [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all auto transportation companies operating under chapter 81.68 RCW.

(6) No driver or operator of any motor vehicle used in the transportation of passengers shall refuse to carry any person offering himself or herself at a regular stopping place for carriage and who tenders the regular fare to any stopping place on the route of said motor vehicle, or between the termini thereof, if allowed to carry passengers to such point under the certificate for such route: Provided, however, That the driver or operator of such motor vehicle may refuse transportation to any person who is in an intoxicated condition or conducting himself or herself in a boisterous or disorderly manner or is using profane language, or whose condition is such as to be obnoxious to passengers on such motor vehicle. A driver is responsible for the comfort and safety of passengers and should be constantly on the alert for and immediately correct any act of misconduct on the part of occupants of the vehicle.

(7) No auto transportation company operating any motor vehicle used in the transportation of persons, shall permit smoking on said vehicle either by passengers or other persons while present in said motor vehicle. Auto transportation companies shall place suitable signs in buses, of sufficient size and number to adequately inform passengers that smoking is not permitted in the motor vehicle.

(8) No motor vehicle used in the transportation of persons shall carry more than one hundred fifty percent of its rated carrying capacity. No passenger shall be permitted to stand unless the vehicle is equipped with devices designed and permanently installed to provide stability and safety for standing passengers. Even if the vehicle is so equipped, no passenger shall be permitted to stand for a distance in excess of thirty-five miles.

(9) The front seat of all passenger carrying vehicles, if connected with the driver's seat, shall be considered as an emergency seat and no passenger will be allowed to occupy the same unless all of the other seats of such vehicle are fully occupied. In no case shall more than one passenger be allowed to occupy the front seat of any motor vehicle unless such seat is forty-eight or more inches in width in the clear. No passenger shall be allowed to sit in the front seat to the left of the driver.

(10) Except when specially authorized by the commission, no motor vehicle used in the transportation of passengers shall be operated or driven with any trailer or other vehicle attached thereto; except in case a vehicle becomes disabled while on a trip and is unable to be operated by its own power, such disabled vehicle may be towed without passengers to the nearest point where repair facilities are available. No right-hand drive vehicle shall be used except by special authorization of the commission and then only when equipped as directed by it.

(11) Accidents occurring in this state arising from or in connection with the operations of any auto transportation company operating under chapter 81.68 RCW resulting in an injury to any person, or the death of any person shall be reported by such carrier to the commission as soon as possible, but in no event later than twelve hours after the occurrence of the accident. The occurrence of such accidents shall be reported to the commission by telephone at [1-888-606-9566](tel:1-888-606-9566), ~~the following numbers: 1-800-562-6150; or if the call is made from out of the state: 1-360-586-1119.~~ Copies of written reports of all accidents, including those described in this section, shall be maintained in the main office of the carrier subject to inspection by the commission.

(12) Auto transportation companies transporting passengers shall be responsible for the comfort of its patrons.

(13) Out-of-service criteria. All drivers operating motor vehicles under chapter 81.68 RCW shall do so in compliance with the safety rules and regulations defined therein. Duly authorized personnel of the commission shall have the power to order out-of-service any driver found to be operating in violation of those rules and regulations. The criteria for conditions under which a driver may be ordered out-of-service are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-30-999](#). ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(14) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsections (2) and (5) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

New Section

WAC 480-30-999 Adoption by reference.

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- (a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.
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Chapter 480-31 Private, Nonprofit Transportation Providers

Amend

WAC 480-31-020 Application of rules.

These rules will apply to any private, nonprofit transportation provider so defined by the laws of the state of Washington, engaged in the business of providing transportation subject to the jurisdiction of this commission for persons with special transportation needs.

~~Any tariff filed by a provider will conform to these rules. In the event of acceptance of a tariff which is in conflict with these rules, such acceptance will not be deemed a waiver of these rules. Tariffs which are in conflict with these rules are hereby superseded unless the commission authorizes the deviation in writing.~~

Cases of erroneous or doubtful interpretation of these rules by a provider or any other person or corporation are subject to appeal to the commission by any interested and proper party affected.

Upon proper showing of any provider, the commission may waive or modify, as to that provider, the provisions of any rule herein, except when such provisions are fixed by statute. No deviation from these rules will be permitted without written authorization by the commission. Violations will be subject to the penalty provisions of chapter 81.04 RCW.

The adoption of these rules will in no way preclude the commission from altering or amending the same, in whole or in part, or from requiring any other or additional service, equipment or standard, not otherwise herein provided for either upon complaint or upon its own motion, or upon the application of any party, and further, these rules will in no way relieve any provider from any of its duties under the laws of the state of Washington.

Whenever the designation "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule will mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

Amend

WAC 480-31-030 Definitions.

Unless the language or context indicates that a different meaning is intended, the following words,

terms, and phrases will, for the purpose of this chapter, mean the following:

- (1) State - The state of Washington.
- (2) Commission - The Washington utilities and transportation commission.
- (3) Certificate - A grant of authority issued by the commission to a private, nonprofit transportation provider for the transportation of persons with special transportation needs as provided in chapter 81.66 RCW.
- (4) Corporation - A corporation, company, association, or joint stock association.
- (5) Public highway - Every street, road or highway in this state.
- (6) Motor vehicle - Every self-propelled vehicle with seating capacity of seven or more persons, including the driver.

(7) Commercial motor vehicle - A motor vehicle or combination of motor vehicles used in commerce to transport passengers or property if the motor vehicle is designed to transport sixteen or more passengers, including the driver.

(8) Person - An individual, firm, or copartnership.

(9) Private, nonprofit transportation provider - A private, nonprofit corporation providing transportation services for compensation to persons with special transportation needs.

(10) Provider - Private, nonprofit transportation provider.

(11) Persons with special transportation needs - Those persons, including their personal attendants, who because of physical or mental disability, income status, or age are unable to transport themselves or to purchase appropriate transportation.

~~(12) Tariff - A public document setting forth services being offered, rates and charges with respect to services and governing rules, regulations and practices relating to those services.~~

~~(13) Donation - A gift without compulsion or consideration, that is, resting solely on the generosity of the donor.~~

Amend

WAC 480-31-050 Certificates.

(1) The commission will issue a certificate to any corporation which files a completed application,

as provided by the commission, which provides:

(a) Satisfactory proof of its status as a private, nonprofit corporation;

(b) Information sufficient to determine the particular service to be provided;

(c) Satisfactory proof of insurance or surety bond, in accordance with WAC 480-31-070;

(d) The number and type of vehicles to be operated, together with satisfactory proof that the vehicles are adequate for the proposed service, that the vehicles are or will be licensed in compliance with the laws of the state, and that drivers of such vehicles will be adequately trained and qualified;

~~(e) Any proposed rates, fares, or charges.~~

(2) Applications for certificates must be on forms to be furnished by the commission, giving all information requested and accompanied by a fifty dollar application fee.

(3) Remittances will be made by money order, bank draft, personal check or certified check, made payable to the Washington utilities and transportation commission.

(4) No provider may operate, establish, or begin operation of any business for the purpose of transporting persons with special transportation needs on the public highways of this state, without first having obtained from the commission a certificate.

(5) No certificate will be issued to persons operating under a trade name, unless a certificate of said trade name is filed in accordance with the provisions of RCW 19.80.010, and a copy thereof filed with the commission.

(6) Each vehicle operated by a provider must carry a copy of the company's certificate, and will be subject at all times to inspection by an authorized representative of the commission.

(7) Any certificate to operate as a private, nonprofit transportation provider obtained by any false affidavit or representation will be subject to cancellation by the commission.

(8) No certificate will be sold, assigned, leased, acquired, or transferred except upon authorization of the commission.

Repeal

WAC 480-31-060 Tariff.

~~(1) Each provider that assesses to or collects charges, rates, or fares from passengers must file with the commission a tariff setting forth its rates on forms provided by the commission. However, it is not required that a tariff be filed to cover collection of donations when the donations are entirely voluntary and a specific amount is not required to ride in the motor vehicle.~~

~~—(2) In the event that a provider proposes a new tariff or amendment which will effect an increase in fares, rates or charges, or will in any respect restrict the service offered under the currently effective tariff, a notice must be given to the public at least thirty days before the effective date thereof, unless the commission has granted authority for a lesser period. A copy of the notice must be placed in a conspicuous place on each vehicle. The notice must plainly indicate that the notice has been posted "in compliance with regulations of the Washington utilities and transportation commission," and state the commission's mailing address. A waiver of the thirty day notice provision may be applied for on forms provided by the commission.~~

~~—(3) Any provider that receives compensation solely from private, governmental or charitable grants or contracts and donations is not required to file tariffs with the commission concerning these contracts or donations.~~

Amend

WAC 480-31-100 Equipment -- Safety.

In addition to other laws and regulations of this state, all providers must comply with the following:

The rules and regulations governing motor carrier safety prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 392 (Driving of Motor Vehicles), part 393 (Parts and Accessories Necessary for Safe Operation), part 396 (Inspection, Repair and Maintenance), and part 397 (Transportation of Hazardous Materials; Driving and Parking rules). The commission adopts by reference the provisions of federal rules in effect on [the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#). ~~October 1, 1998. The material incorporated by reference in this section is available for public examination in the Washington utilities and transportation commission branch of the Washington state library associated with the commission's headquarters office in Olympia and is available for purchase at the Seattle office of the government printing office.~~

Amend

WAC 480-31-120 Equipment -- Inspection -- Ordered for repairs.

(1) All motor vehicles operated by providers must be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. They must at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who will have power to order out-of-service any vehicle failing to meet the standards set forth in this section, or if not being operated in compliance with state laws in regard to equipment or method.

(2) Every provider must ensure that all its vehicles are regularly inspected, repaired and maintained, as required by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 396 (Inspection, Repair and Maintenance) [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#).

(3) All vehicle parts and accessories must be in safe and proper working condition at all times.

(4) Equipment standards. The purpose of this subsection is to identify critical vehicle inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service category. The criteria for out-of-service condition are those defined in the current North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria.

(a) Out-of-service condition. When any motor vehicle(s) is in out-of-service condition, no provider will require nor will any person operate such motor vehicle until all required repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

(b) The commission adopts by reference the "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance in effect on ~~April 1, 1999~~ [the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#). ~~These documents may be viewed at the Washington utilities and transportation commission branch of the Washington state library.~~

Amend

WAC 480-31-130 Operation of motor vehicles.

(1) All motor vehicles must be operated in accordance with the requirements of existing state laws and no driver or operator will operate the same in any other than a careful and prudent manner, nor at any greater speed than is reasonable or proper, having due regard to the traffic and use of the highways by others, or so as to endanger the life and limb of any person.

(2) Qualification of drivers. The rules and regulations governing qualifications of drivers prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 391 (Qualifications of Drivers) [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#), are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all providers. Vehicles meeting the definition of a commercial motor vehicle must also comply with part 382 (Controlled Substances and Alcohol Use and Testing), and part 383 (Commercial Driver's License Standards; Requirements and Penalties).

(3) The rules and regulations relating to drivers' logs and drivers' hours of service adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part ~~39~~ [395](#) (Hours of Service of Drivers), [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission.

(4) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle carrying passengers may smoke any cigar, cigarette, tobacco or other substance in such vehicle while driving the vehicle.

(5) No driver or operator of any motor vehicle will permit smoking on said vehicle by passengers or other persons. Suitable signs, of sufficient size and number to adequately inform passengers, must be placed in buses to inform passengers that smoking is not permitted in the motor vehicle.

(6) No driver or operator of a motor vehicle will create any disturbance or unnecessary noise to attract persons to the vehicle.

(7) The driver or operator of any motor vehicle may refuse to carry any person who is in an intoxicated condition or conducting themselves in an unreasonably boisterous or disorderly manner or is using profane language, or whose condition is such as to be obnoxious to other passengers. A driver is responsible for the comfort and safety of passengers and should be constantly on the alert for and immediately correct any act of misconduct on the part of occupants of the vehicle.

(8) The commission adopts by reference the provisions of federal rules cited in this section in effect on ~~October 1, 1998~~. [the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#). ~~The material incorporated by reference in this section is available for public examination in the Washington utilities and transportation commission branch of the Washington state library associated with the commission's headquarters office in Olympia and is available for purchase at the Seattle office of the government printing office.~~

Amend

WAC 480-31-140 Safety inspections.

All providers must keep on file in their main office, subject to inspection by an authorized representative of the commission, or subject to provision to the commission upon request:

(1) Description of each vehicle used, including make, serial number, and year. If the provider does not own the vehicle, the records must show the name of the person providing the vehicle;

(2) Driver's hours of service (duty status);

(3) Each driver's license number;

(4) Records of complaints, as required by WAC 480-31-090;

(5) Records of repair, inspection and maintenance, to include their date and type, as required by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 396;

(6) The commission adopts by reference the provisions of federal rules cited in this section in effect on ~~October 1, 1998~~. [the date specified in WAC 480-31-999](#). ~~The material incorporated by reference in this section is available for public examination in the Washington utilities and transportation commission branch of the Washington state library associated with the commission's headquarters office in Olympia and is available for purchase at the Seattle office of the government printing office.~~

New Section

WAC 480-31-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

(1) **North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria (CVSA)** is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 2001.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-31-120.

(c) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.

(2) **Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations**, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-31-100, 480-31-120, 480-31-130 and, 480-31-140.

(c) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.

Chapter 480-40 Passenger Charter Carriers

Repeal - Moved to 480-40-999

WAC 480-40-015 Adoption by reference defined.

Where referred to in this chapter, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) "North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria" published by Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA) refers to the version in effect on April 1, 1999.
- (2) "Rules and regulations adopted by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations", cited as 49 CFR, includes the regulations and all appendices and amendments in effect on October 1, 1998.
- (3) The documents are available for public inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library, located with the headquarters offices of the commission. A copy of either document may be obtained upon request from the commission secretary, subject to any pertinent charge. The Code of Federal Regulations is also available from the Government Printing Office, Seattle office.

Amend

WAC 480-40-065 Equipment -- Inspection -- Ordered for repairs.

(1) All motor vehicles operated under chapter 81.70 RCW shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. They shall at all times be subject to inspection by the commission and its duly authorized representatives who shall have power to order out-of-service any vehicle meeting the standards set forth in this section, or is not being operated in compliance with state laws in regard to equipment or method.

(2) Equipment standards. The purpose of this section is to identify critical vehicle inspection items and provide criteria for placing a vehicle(s) in an out-of-service or restricted service category subsequent to a safety inspection. The criteria for out-of-service condition and restricted service condition are those defined in the North American Uniform Out-Of-Service Criteria [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-40-999](#). ~~Copies of this document are available from the commission upon request.~~

(a) Out-of-service condition. When any vehicle(s) is in out-of-service condition, no motor carrier shall require nor shall any person operate such motor vehicle declared and marked "out-of-service" until all required repairs have been satisfactorily completed.

(b) Restricted service condition. Any motor vehicle(s) discovered to be in a restricted service condition, while being operated on the highway, may be placed out-of-service at the inspection site or allowed to continue in operation to a repair facility at a distance not to exceed twenty-five miles, at the discretion of the inspector.

Amend

WAC 480-40-075 Equipment -- Safety.

In addition to other laws and regulations of this state, all motor vehicles operating under chapter 81.70 RCW shall comply with the following:

(1) Adoption of United States Department of Transportation motor carrier safety regulations. The rules and regulations governing motor carrier safety prescribed by the United States Department of Transportation in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, part 392, part 393, and

part 396, [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-40-999](#) are adopted and prescribed by the commission to be observed by all charter party carriers or excursion service carriers of passengers operating under chapter 81.70 RCW. Exception: All passenger charter carriers or excursion service carriers of passengers operating exclusively in intrastate commerce shall be exempt from the provisions of sections 392.2 and 393.76. Further, with respect to section 396.11, no driver vehicle inspection report need be filed if no defects are found.

(2) Whenever the designations "director, office of motor carrier safety," "director, regional motor carrier safety office," "regional highway administrator," and "federal highway administration" are used in the respective parts of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, as described in subsection (1) of this section, such designations for the purpose of this rule shall mean the "Washington utilities and transportation commission."

New Section

WAC 480-40-999 Adoption by reference.

[In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:](#)

[\(1\) **North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria \(CVSA\)** is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance \(CVSA\).](#)

[\(a\) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 2001.](#)

[\(b\) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-40-065.](#)

[\(c\) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.](#)

[\(2\) **Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations**, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.](#)

[\(a\) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.](#)

[\(b\) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-40-070 and 480-40-075.](#)

[\(c\) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.](#)

Chapter 480-70 Solid Waste Collection Companies

Amend

WAC 480-70-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all, or portions of, regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

(1) The North American Uniform Out-of-Service Criteria is published by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA).

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on April 1, 200~~1~~0.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-70-201.

(c) The North American Out-of-Service Criteria is a copyrighted document. Copies are available from CVSA in Bethesda, Maryland.

(2) Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations, cited as 40 CFR, is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on July 1, 200~~1~~0.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-70-041.

(c) Copies of Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Government Printing Office and from various third-party vendors.

(3) Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, cited as 49 CFR, is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(a) The commission adopts the version in effect on October 1, 2000.

(b) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-70-201, 480-70-431 and 480-70-486.

(c) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Government Printing Office and from various third-party vendors.

Chapter 480-75 Petroleum Pipeline Companies

Amend

WAC 480-75-005 Compliance with federal standards.

Hazardous liquid pipeline companies transporting gasoline, oil, petroleum, or hazardous liquids in this state shall design, construct, maintain, and operate pipeline facilities in compliance with the provisions of 49 CFR, Parts 195 and 199, in effect on [the date specified in WAC 480-75-999September 7, 1999](#). The provision in this chapter shall govern to the extent that the standards in the state regulations are compatible with the federal standards. The incorporation of 49 CFR, Part 195, Subpart B, Reporting Accidents and Safety-Related Conditions, is revised as follows:

1. Include "Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission" where "Administrator, Office of Pipeline Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration, or Department of Transportation" appear.
2. Include "Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Pipeline Safety Section, at its office at 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington, 98504-7250," where telephone or addresses appear for the "Information Officer, Information Resources Manager, or Office of Pipeline Safety."

~~Copies of the above referenced regulations can be viewed at the commission branch of the Washington state library or are available from the Government Printing Office Bookstore, Seattle, Washington.~~

New Section

WAC 480-75-999 Adoption by reference.

In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:

Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(1) The commission adopts the version in effect on July 1, 2001.

(2) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-75-005.

(3) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.

Chapter 480-93 Gas Companies – Safety

Amend

WAC 480-93-005 Definitions.

- (1) Bar hole - a hole that has been made in the soil or paving for the specific purpose of testing the subsurface atmosphere with a combustible gas indicator.
- (2) Building - any structure which is normally or occasionally entered by humans for business, residential, or other purposes and within which gas could accumulate.
- (3) Combustible gas indicator (CGI) - a device capable of detecting and measuring gas concentrations of the gas being transported.
- (4) Confined space - any subsurface structure of sufficient size which could accommodate a person and within which gas could accumulate, e.g., vaults, catch basins, manholes, etc.
- (5) Follow-up inspection - an inspection performed after a repair has been completed in order to determine the effectiveness of the repair.
- (6) Gas - natural gas, flammable gas, or gas which is toxic or corrosive.
- (7) Gas associated substructures - those devices or facilities utilized by a gas company which are not intended for storing, transporting, or distributing gas, such as valve boxes, vaults, test boxes, and vented casing pipe.
- (8) Gas company - the term "gas company" shall mean:
 - (a) Every gas company otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of the commission under Title 80 RCW as to rates and service; and
 - (b) Every person, corporation, city, or town which owns or operates a pipeline transporting gas in this state, even though such person, corporation, city, or town is not a public service company under chapter 80.28 RCW, and even though such person, corporation, city, or town does not deliver, sell, or furnish gas to any person or corporation within this state.
- (9) Gathering line - a gas pipeline which transports gas from the outlet of a well and any associated compressor to the connection with a second gathering line or with a transmission line.
- (10) Indication - a response indicated by a gas detection instrument that has not been verified as a reading.
- (11) L.E.L. - the lower explosive limit of the gas being transported.
- (12) Main - a gas pipeline, not a gathering or transmission line:
 - (a) Which serves as a common source of gas for more than one service line;
 - (b) Which crosses a public right of way; or
 - (c) Which crosses property not owned by the customer or the gas company.
- (13) Master meter system - a pipeline system for distributing gas to more than one building within, but not limited to, a definable area, such as a mobile home park, housing project, or apartment complex, where the operator purchases metered gas from an outside source for distribution to ultimate consumers other than the system operator's immediate family through a gas distribution pipeline system.
- (14) Maximum operating pressure - a maximum pressure selected by a gas company for operation of a pipeline or segment of a pipeline, which is equal to or less than the maximum allowable operating pressure derived pursuant to 49 CFR, Part 192 [on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#).
- (15) Prompt action - shall consist of dispatching qualified personnel without undue delay for the purpose of evaluating and where necessary abating an existing or probable hazard.

(16) Reading - a repeatable deviation on a combustible gas indicator or equivalent instrument expressed in percent L.E.L. or gas-air ratio. Where the reading is in an unvented, confined space, consideration shall be given to the rate of dissipation when the space is ventilated and the rate of accumulation when the space is resealed.

(17) Service line - a gas pipeline, not a main, gathering or transmission line, which provides service to one building. Service lines shall include gas pipelines extended from a main to provide service to one building, which traverse a public right of way or an easement immediately adjacent to a public right of way or another easement.

(18) Transmission line - a gas pipeline which connects to an existing transmission line without pressure regulation to lower the pressure; which is downstream of the connection of two or more gathering lines; and as defined in 49 CFR, Part 192, section 192.3 [on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#).

(19) Tunnel - a subsurface passageway large enough for a person to enter and within which gas could accumulate.

(20) Other terms which correspond to those used in 49 CFR, Parts 191, 192 and 199 (Minimum Federal Safety Standards for Gas Pipelines) shall be construed as used therein [on the date specified in WAC 490-93-999](#).

Amend

WAC 480-93-010 Compliance with federal standards.

Gas companies' gathering, storage, distribution, and transmission facilities must be designed, constructed, maintained, and operated in compliance with the provisions of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Parts 191, 192, 193 and 199 in effect on [the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#) ~~September 7, 1999~~. The provisions of this chapter shall govern to the extent that the standards in the state regulations are compatible with the federal standards. ~~Copies of the above referenced regulations can be viewed at the commission branch of the Washington state library or are available from the Government Printing Office Bookstore, Seattle, Washington.~~

Amend

WAC 480-93-015 Odorization of gas.

All gas being transported by pipeline in this state, and all gas consumed by an end use customer, shall be odorized in accordance with 49 CFR, Part 192.625 [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#), unless waiver is approved in advance of such transportation, in writing, by the commission.

Amend

WAC 480-93-110 Corrosion control.

Every gas company must ensure that all of its metallic gas pipelines, except cast iron and ductile iron, are protected by a recognized method or combination of methods of cathodic protection. Every gas company shall record and retain all cathodic protection test readings taken and complete remedial action within ninety days to correct any cathodic protection deficiencies known and indicated by the company's records.

Whenever a gas company finds from investigation as required by 49 CFR, Part 192 [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#), that cathodic protection of gas pipelines is not needed, the company shall submit to the commission a report setting forth good and sufficient

reasons why such protection is not required. The report shall include the results of soil tests and other supporting data.

Amend

WAC 480-93-124 Pipeline markers.

All buried gas pipelines shall have pipeline markers placed and maintained as close as practical over each main and transmission line as required by 49 CFR, Part 192.707.

Off-set pipeline markers may be used only if they indicate the distance from and direction to the pipeline. The pipeline markers shall be double-faced or single-faced signs. Single-faced signs may be used on posts of distinctive color and shall meet the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 192.707(d). Pipeline markers shall be placed at all railroad crossings, road crossings, irrigation and drainage ditch crossings, and at all fence lines where a pipeline crosses private property. Pipeline markers required by 49 CFR, Part 192.707(a), shall be placed approximately five hundred yards apart if practical and at points of deflection of the pipeline. Exceptions to this rule must conform with 49 CFR, Part 192.707(b). [Information about 49 CFR regarding the version currently in effect and where to obtain it is set out in WAC 480-93-999.](#)

Amend

WAC 480-93-155 Increasing maximum operating pressure.

Notwithstanding the requirements of any other section of this chapter, the commission shall be furnished complete written plans and drawings of each pressure uprating to a maximum operating pressure greater than sixty psig, at least thirty days prior to raising the pressure. The plan shall include a review of the following:

- (1) All affected gas facilities, including pipe, fittings, valves, and other associated equipment, with their manufactured design operating pressure and specifications;
- (2) Original design and construction standards;
- (3) All previous operating pressures and length of time at that pressure;
- (4) All leaks, regardless of cause, and the date and method of repair;
- (5) All upstream and downstream regulators and relief valves; and
- (6) All cathodic protection readings on mains for the past three years or three most recent inspections, whichever is longer, and the most recent inspection on each attached service line, which is electrically isolated. The plan shall conform with the requirements of 49 CFR, Part 192 [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999.](#)

Amend

WAC 480-93-180 Plan of operations and maintenance procedures; emergency policy; reporting requirements.

In compliance with the provisions and general intent of the federal "Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Act," 49 CFR, Part 192 [in effect in the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#), every gas company shall develop appropriate operating, maintenance, safety, and inspection plans and procedures and an emergency policy. Such plans and procedures, and all subsequent changes and amendments, initiated by the gas company or pursuant to changes in state and federal rules and

regulations, shall be promptly filed with the commission, for review and determination as to their adequacy, when properly executed, to achieve an acceptable level of safety. The commission may, after notice and opportunity for hearing, require such plans and procedures to be revised. The plans and procedures required by the commission shall be practicable and designed to meet the needs of safety. In determining the adequacy of such plans and procedures to achieve an acceptable level of safety, the commission shall consider:

- (1) Relevant available pipeline safety data;
- (2) Whether the plans and procedures are appropriate for the particular type of pipeline operations being performed by the gas company, taking into consideration company size, geographical area of operation, and the public interest;
- (3) The reasonableness of the plans and procedures; and
- (4) The extent to which the plans and procedures, if properly executed, will contribute to an acceptable level of public safety being achieved by the company.

Furthermore, every gas company shall be responsible for establishing and maintaining such records, making such reports, and providing such information as the commission may reasonably require to enable it to determine whether the gas company has acted and is acting in compliance with these rules and regulations and the standards established thereunder. Every gas company shall, upon request of the commission and its authorized representatives, permit the commission and its authorized representatives to inspect books, papers, records, and documents relevant to determining whether the gas company and its agents have acted and are acting in compliance with these rules and regulations and the standards established thereunder. Such commission inspections shall be conducted at reasonable times, within reasonable limits, and in a reasonable manner, and each inspection shall be commenced and completed with reasonable promptness.

Amend

WAC 480-93-220 Rule of precedence.

Where there is any conflict between the provisions of CFR 49, Part 192 (Minimum Federal Natural Gas Pipeline Safety Standards) [in effect on the date specified in WAC 480-93-999](#) and any rule specifically set forth herein, the former shall govern.

These rules shall take precedence over all orders, heretofore made by the commission, insofar as said orders may be inconsistent with these rules.

These rules shall take precedence over all rules filed or to be filed by gas companies insofar as inconsistent therewith. Rules of the gas companies now on file and inconsistent with the rules herein established shall be properly revised and refiled within sixty days from the effective date of this order.

New Section

WAC 480-93-999 Adoption by reference.

[In this chapter, the commission adopts by reference all or portions of regulations and standards identified below. They are available for inspection at the commission branch of the Washington state library. The publications, effective dates, references within this chapter, and availability of the resources are as follows:](#)

Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations, cited as 49 CFR, including all appendices and amendments is published by the United States Government Printing Office.

(1) The commission adopts the version in effect on July 1, 2001.

(2) This publication is referenced in WAC 480-93-005, 480-93-010, 480-93-015, 480-93-110, 480-93-124, 480-93-155, 480-93-180 and 480-93-220.

(3) Copies of Title 49 Code of Federal Regulations are available from the Seattle Office of the Government Printing Office and from various third party vendors.