

October 30, 2001

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ON DRAFT RULES**  
(November 20, 2001)

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT RULES**  
(November 5, 2001)

**NOTICE OF SBEIS QUESTIONNAIRE**  
(November 7, 2001)

RE: Telecommunications - Operations, Chapter 480-120 WAC  
Docket No. UT-990146

**TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:**

On October 18 and 19, 2001, the Commissioners met with stakeholders to discuss draft rules posted on the Commission's website, and noticed for comment on August 24, 2001. At the close of the workshop on October 19, 2001, several rules that stakeholders had indicated an interest in discussing had not been addressed. The Commission schedules another workshop to discuss those rules through this Notice.

The Commission continues to invite your written comments on draft rules by November 5, 2001, and your responses to a small business economic impact statement (SBEIS) questionnaire by November 7, 2001, as described in the Notice of August 24, 2001.

**Rules Available for Review**

In August, the Commission posted to its website draft rules concerning consumer and technical issues, as well as accounting, reporting, small company rate case filings, access charges, and universal service; for review by interested persons. The rules are posted at [www.wutc.wa.gov/990146](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/990146).

In addition, the Commission has posted Staff proposed changes to the draft rules posted in August. The Staff proposed changes are described by rule section and line number that correspond to the rules already posted.

### Workshop on Draft Rules

The Commission will hold a rulemaking workshop to discuss the following rules in which stakeholders have indicated an interest:

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We encourage your attendance and participation in the stakeholder workshop concerning these rules and any remaining rules. The workshop will be held **Tuesday, November 20, 2001**, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission  
 1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
 P.O. Box 47250  
 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

### Written Comments on Draft Rules - - Alternative Rule Language Requested

The Commission invites your written comments on the following:

- All rules as noticed on August 24, 2001
- Rules discussed in the October workshops
- Rules designated for discussion at the November workshop
- Any remaining rules

The Commission requests alternative rule language from interested persons who provide written comments. Alternative rule language received not later than Monday, November 5, 2001, will be used in Staff's decision-making process as it prepares recommendations

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\* Staff has agreed to changes that may result in no interest in discussing these rules.

for the Commission. Alternative rule language and written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address above. Written comments and alternative rule language should be filed with the Commission **no later than Monday, November 5, 2001.**

Electronic copies. The Commission also requests, but does not require, that comments be provided in electronic format to facilitate quotations from the comments, to enhance public access, and to reduce the need for additional paper copies. Please help us by sending an electronic copy with your paper filing on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format, reflecting the pagination of your original. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) or .wpd (Wordperfect 6.0 or later). Please include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- \* The docket number of this proceeding (UT-990146)
- \* The commenting party's name
- \* The title and date of the comment or comments; and
- \* The type of software used

Please use the three-letter extension noted above for all electronic files. You may also send your comments by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at <records@wutc.wa.gov>; if you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will post on the Commission's web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov>.

### **SBEIS Questionnaire**

On August 24, 2001, the Commission requested stakeholders to respond to a questionnaire concerning the economic effects these draft rules may have on small businesses. All interested persons are requested to respond to the questionnaire, including businesses that do not meet the statutory definition of a small business (fifty or fewer employees). Information concerning the effects of the draft rules on both large and small businesses is necessary in order to make a comparison. Responses to the questionnaire should be based on the draft rules posted in August.

The questionnaire may be viewed and responded to on the internet at [www.wutc.wa.gov/990146/SBEIS](http://www.wutc.wa.gov/990146/SBEIS). If you do not wish to respond electronically, you may contact the Commission and ask for a paper copy of the questionnaire and one will be provided to you. Please call Virgil Santos at (360) 664-1280 if you need a paper copy.

Responses to the SBEIS Questionnaire will be received on a section by section basis (there will be a matrix on the website for your convenience in keeping track of each). Please respond to all sections (either electronically, or by paper) that you believe will have an economic impact upon your business or upon customers.

**You may respond to the SBEIS questionnaire as late as November 7, 2001.** After November 7, 2001, the internet link to the questionnaire will be closed. Paper responses should also be filed with the Commission **no later than November 7, 2001.**

If you need additional information, please call Bob Shirley at (360) 664-1292 or e-mail him at [bshirley@wutc.wa.gov](mailto:bshirley@wutc.wa.gov).

Sincerely,

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