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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP ISSUES

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Possible Corrections and Changes in Rules in WAC 480-07, Relating to Procedural Rules, Docket A-130355

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 20, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible additions or modifications to certain sections in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07, the Commission's procedural rules.

The Commission issued notices on March 22, 2013, and April 16, 2013, identifying several areas in which the Commission's procedural rules in WAC 480-07 could be supplemented, improved, or clarified. The Commission received written comments from interested persons in response to these notices.

The Commission has scheduled an initial stakeholder workshop for August 21, 2013, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Based on the comments received and its review of the existing rules, the Commission plans to discuss the following issues during the workshop:

- Procedures for Commission determination of whether to initiate an adjudication in response to complaints filed or initiated against regulated companies
- Procedures for penalty assessments, including requests for mitigation
- Procedures for Commission consideration of dockets at Open Public Meetings, including filing deadlines
- Interested party access to confidential documents in non-adjudicative cases

- Alternative dispute resolution procedures, including assignment of a settlement judge in major cases, mandatory mediation, and Commission review of settlement agreements in cases involving suspended tariffs
- Service by the Commission and parties in adjudicative proceedings and creation and maintenance of the official service list
- Exhibit identification/numbering in adjudicative proceedings
- Filing and distribution of cross-examination exhibits
- Discovery, including possible limitations on the nature and scope of permissible forms of discovery and electronic distribution of responses to discovery requests

Additional issues may be addressed as time permits, but the Commission plans to consider additions or revisions to the procedural rules governing rate cases and integrated resource plans in a future workshop.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355 or <u>gkopta@utc.wa.gov</u>.

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