

April 26, 2001

**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(May 10, 2001)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(May 17, 2001)**

Re: Pipeline Safety Fee Methodology Rulemaking
Docket No. UG-010522

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 25, 2001, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to initiate a rulemaking to establish the fee methodology to fund the pipeline safety program as required by Substitute Senate Bill 5182 (SSB5182). A copy of the CR-101 is enclosed. The Commission invites your comments on the CR-101.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP. The Commission has scheduled a workshop to discuss the proposed rule language. This workshop, as noticed in the CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, will be held on **Thursday, May 17, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**, in Room 206 (the Commission's Hearing Room), 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

The purpose of this workshop is to discuss the proposed language for the fee methodology. Commission staff intends to provide draft rule language to stakeholders prior to the May 17, 2001 stakeholder workshop

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments may be submitted to the Commission at the address given below and should be filed with the Commission no later than **Thursday, May 10, 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) and include all of the following information on the label of the diskette:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-010522)
- The commenter'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, 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/010522>. Documents will be posted within twenty-four hours of receipt.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's web site as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may (1) call the Commission's Records Center at 360-664-1234, (2) e-mail the Commission at [<records@wutc.wa.gov>](mailto:records@wutc.wa.gov), or (3) mail written comments to the address above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UG-010522 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

Comments delivered by mail or courier should be addressed to: Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

NOTICE

If you don't want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. UG-010522. If you do not do this, you will not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

Carole J. Washburn
Secretary