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**OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
PROPOSED RULES
(By February 25, 2004)
and
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE ADOPTION HEARING
(Set for March 24, 2004)**

RE: Rulemaking to Amend WAC 480-120-146, Changing service providers from one local exchange company to another.
Docket No. UT-030964

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

This letter is to inform you of the progress made toward adoption of rule revision to WAC 480-120-146, Changing service providers from one local exchange company (LEC) to another. This letter also provides notice of an opportunity to file written comments on a Supplemental CR-102 proposed rulemaking related to the rule, and participate in the formal Supplemental CR-102 rule adoption hearing.

On October 22, 2003, the Commission continued the rule adoption hearing to December 10, 2003, in order for the parties to collaborate in drafting a new proposal to reflect national standards adopted by the FCC. Staff and the stakeholder group believe that the new proposal will differ substantially from the Qwest proposal, and thus will require a supplemental CR-102 as provided in RCW 34.05.340. On December 10, 2003, the Commission continued this matter to January 14, 2004, at which time Staff presented the new proposal.

NOTICE is hereby given of the opportunity to submit written comments on the Supplemental CR-102 proposal not later than 5:00 p.m., February 25, 2004. The draft rule, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's

web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/030964. The Commission will send you a paper copy of the draft rule or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if you ask.

Electronic copies. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to enhance public access, for ease of providing comments, to reduce the need for paper copies, and to facilitate quotations from the comments. Comments may be submitted by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@wutc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UT-030964)
- The commenting party's name
- The title and date of the comment or comments

An alternative method for submitting comments may be by mailing/delivering an electronic copy on a 3-1/2 inch, IBM-formatted, high density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later. Include all of the information requested above. 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/030964>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

NOTICE is also hereby given of the opportunity to attend the public hearing and make oral comments about the Supplemental CR-102 proposal for the adoption of the proposed rule at 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 24, 2004. This public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive, S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Questions: If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Tom Wilson. He may be reached by mail at the address on this Notice, or by e-mail at twilson@wutc.wa.gov, or by calling 360-664-1282.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary