

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-5, filed 6/6/69, effective 10/9/69)

**WAC 480-140-010 Definitions.** (~~((1) The term "public service company" shall mean every person, firm, corporation, or association, or their lessees, trustees, or receivers, now or hereafter engaged in business in this state as a public utility and subject to regulation as to rates and service by the Washington utilities and transportation commission.~~

~~(2) The term "commission" when used in those rules and regulations shall mean the Washington utilities and transportation commission or such body as may succeed to the powers and duties now exercised by it.~~

~~(3) The term "budget" when used in these rules and regulations shall mean a financial statement prepared by each public service company showing the estimated revenues, sources and amounts of money which each public service company shall, in its judgment, require during the ensuing year for maintenance, operations and construction classified by accounts as prescribed by the commission.)~~ Commission means Washington utilities and transportation commission.

Net utility plant in service means plant in service less accumulated depreciation and amortization.

Public service company means every gas company, electrical company, telecommunications company, and water company subject to regulation under the provisions of Title 80 RCW as to rates and service by the commission.

#### NEW SECTION

**WAC 480-140-015 Exemptions from rules.** (1) The commission may grant an exemption of any rule in this chapter, if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation, and applicable statutes.

(2) To request a rule exemption, a person must file with the commission a written request identifying the rule for which an exemption is sought and giving a full explanation of the reason the exemption is requested.

(3) The commission will assign the request a docket number, if needed, and schedule the request for consideration at one of its regularly scheduled open meetings or, if appropriate under chapter 34.05 RCW, in an adjudication. The commission will notify the person requesting the exemption, and other interested persons, of the date the commission will consider the request.

(4) The commission will enter an order granting or denying the request or setting it for hearing, pursuant to chapter 480-09 WAC.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-363, Docket No. U-911075, filed 12/31/91, effective 1/31/92)

**WAC 480-140-020 Who must file.** (~~All public service companies shall file budgets with the commission except (1) gas, water, telecommunications, telegraph, and electrical companies whose annual gross operating revenues do not exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars and (2) water companies who are required to file water system plans with the department of health in compliance with WAC 246-290-100. Water companies required to file such plans with the department of health shall concurrently file a copy of such plan with the commission.~~) The following public service companies with annual gross operating revenues exceeding two hundred fifty thousand dollars must file budgets with the commission:

- (1) Gas companies;
- (2) Electrical companies;
- (3) Telecommunications companies that serve more than two percent of the access lines in the state of Washington, except those companies classified as competitive by the commission; and
- (4) Water companies that are not required to file water system plans with the department of health in compliance with WAC 246-290-100. Water companies required to file water system plans with the department of health must concurrently file a copy with the commission.

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**WAC 480-140-030 When to file.** The budget for the ensuing fiscal year (~~shall~~) must be (~~prepared and~~) filed with the commission within (~~10~~) ten days (~~of the date~~) after it is approved by the company, but (~~in no event shall it be filed~~) no later than (~~the last day of the year preceding that for which the budget is applicable~~) sixty days after the beginning of the company's fiscal year.

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**WAC 480-140-040 ((Preparation.) What to file.** ((Budgets shall be made in duplicate on forms furnished by the commission. The original and three copies shall be filed with the commission and one copy shall be kept by the company for its files. Each question must be answered fully and accurately. Where the word "none" truly and completely states the fact, it may be given as the answer to any particular inquiry or portion thereof. Do not leave blank lines. Items and schedules which do not apply to the reporting company's business and therefore cannot be filled in, shall be answered "not applicable." In no case shall any utility deviate from the requirements of these rules except upon a showing of good cause, and then only to the extent authorized by the commission in writing. For the purpose of the budget report an "individual major project," is defined according to the following schedule:

Company Construction Budget	Major Project
\$25,000 or less	\$2,000 or more
\$25,001 to \$50,000	\$2,500 or more
\$50,001 to \$100,000	\$10,000 or more
\$100,001 to \$500,000	\$15,000 or more
\$500,001 to \$1,000,000	\$50,000 or more
\$1,000,001 to \$5,000,000	\$100,000 or more
\$5,000,001 or more	\$500,000 or more

All other individual projects shall be listed by name, location, and estimated cost. For companies with utility operations in more than one state, the major project threshold shall be applied to all projects proposed to be located in the state of Washington and to all projects which will be partly or wholly allocated to Washington operations: *Provided*, That individual project description sheets shall be required only for those projects for which the assigned or allocated costs to Washington equal or exceed the threshold set forth in this rule.)) Budgets, in a format selected by the reporting company, must show amounts needed for construction, operation and maintenance during the ensuing year. The reporting company must provide the information by industry (water, gas, electrical, and telecommunications) to the extent such information has been prepared. All major construction projects must be identified in the budget. Major construction projects will be determined as described below:

(1) For water, gas, and electrical companies, major projects include all projects where the Washington-allocated share of the total project is greater than five-tenths of one percent of the company's latest year-end Washington-allocated net utility plant in service, but does not include any project of less than three million dollars on a total project basis. This determination for companies providing combined industry services will be done on an industry-specific basis.

(2) For telecommunications companies, major projects include all construction projects where the intrastate Washington jurisdictional share is greater than one million dollars.

AMENDATORY SECTION (Amending Order R-43, filed 4/5/73 and 4/18/73)

**WAC 480-140-080** (~~(Secrecy)~~) **Confidentiality provision.** The commission may, in its discretion, to the extent permitted by (~~(section 31, chapter 1, Laws of 1973)~~) RCW 80.04.095 and chapter 42.17 RCW, upon the request of any public service company, withhold from publication, (~~(during such time as the commission may deem advisable,)~~) any portion of any (~~(original or supplemental)~~) budget (~~(relating to proposed capital expenditures)~~) designated as confidential pursuant to WAC 480-09-015.

REPEALER

The following sections of the Washington Administrative Code are repealed:

WAC 480-140-050	Approval.
WAC 480-140-060	Supplemental change.
WAC 480-140-070	Emergency expenditures.
WAC 480-140-090	Conformity of accounts.
WAC 480-140-100	Donations.
WAC 480-140-110	Dues.
WAC 480-140-120	Wage scales.
WAC 480-140-130	Tax expenditures.
WAC 480-140-140	Affiliated interests.
WAC 480-140-150	Advertising.
WAC 480-140-160	Salaries.
WAC 480-140-170	Operations covered.