

Agenda Date: June 27, 2003
Item Number: C1

Docket: **A-030832**
Update of Internal WAC references to Title 480

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Recommendation:

Direct the Secretary to file an Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105) in Docket No. A-030832 that would update internal WAC references, outdated language and material, and reflect changes in legislation affecting Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

Discussion:

On July 1, 2003, the revised rules in Chapter 480-120 WAC, Telecommunications – Operations, will become effective. References within the chapter as well as references to sections in other chapters of Title 480 WAC should be revised. The proposal would update affected rules to reflect changes in internal WAC references resulting from adoption of rules with new WAC section designations.

On July 27, 2003, a new law amending Title 80.04 and 80.36 RCW that will simplify processing of routine promotional, tariff, and price list filings will take effect. The new law also gives telecommunications companies ways to make faster changes to their tariffs and price lists. This proposal reflects the new legislation, and makes other minor administrative changes in Title 480 WAC such as:

- Add language to WAC 480-80-121, Tariff changes with statutory notice, WAC 480-80-122, Tariff changes with less than statutory notice, WAC 480-80-123, Tariff changes that do not require statutory notice, and WAC 480-80-205, Effective date of price list filings, that reflects new legislation, effective July 27, 2003, that simplifies processing of routine promotional, tariff, and price list filings. The tariff rule is amended to include certain promotional filings under the less than statutory notice rule. The price list rule is amended to permit less than statutory notice filings; and
- Correct grammatical and punctuation errors.

The affected chapters of rules include Chapters 480-80 WAC, Tariffs, Price Lists, and Contracts; 480-90, Gas Companies -- Operations; 480-100, Electric Companies -- Operations; 480-107; Electric Companies--Purchases Of Electricity From Qualifying Facilities and Independent Power Producers and Purchases of Electrical Savings From Conservation Suppliers; 480-110, Water Companies; 480-120 WAC, Telecommunications Operations; and 480-121 WAC, Registration,

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Competitive Classification and Price Lists of Telecommunications Companies; and corrects minor errors in Chapter 480-120 WAC, Telecommunications Operations.

Attachment B includes the proposed rules in legislative format.

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the Commission direct the Secretary to file an Expedited Rulemaking (CR-105) in Docket No. A-030832 to consider updating rules in Title 480 of the Washington Administrative Code, and reflecting changes in legislation.

Attachments