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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Wednesday, September 24, 2003)**

RE: Minimum Regulatory Fee Rulemaking
Docket No. A-031232

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 3, 2003, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider revisions to the Commission's rules relating to minimum regulatory fees for class 1 utilities and transportation industries, except motor freight carriers. This rulemaking would also consider developing a rule that would address regulatory fees for railroads. The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/031232. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The following rules are among those that may be affected:

- WAC 480-120-304(1)(a), Reporting requirements for companies not classified as competitive,
- WAC 480-120-303(1), Reporting requirements for competitively classified companies,
- WAC 480-100-208(1)(a), Electric utilities financial reporting requirements,
- WAC 480-90-208(1)(a), Gas utilities financial reporting requirements,
- WAC 480-110-275(3), Water companies accounting and reporting requirements, and regulatory fees,
- WAC 480-51-100(2), Commercial ferry annual reports – regulatory fees,

- WAC 480-70-076(1), Solid waste regulatory fees, and
- WAC 480-30-110(1), Auto transportation companies fees and gross operating revenue.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

Pursuant to the exception provided in RCW 34.05.310(4) for this type of rulemaking, the Commission proposes to forego stakeholder workshops unless requested to do so by interested persons.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the rules relating to regulatory fees must be filed with the Commission no later than **Wednesday, September 24, 2003**. 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 (A-031232)
- 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 ½ 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/031232>>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document. Questions may be addressed to Barbara Weigel at (360) 664-1157 or e-mail at <bweigel@wutc.wa.gov>.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments. 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>, or (3) mail written comments to the address below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. A-031232 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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NOTICE

If you do not 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. A-031232. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary