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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By June 1, 2005)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for June 29, 2005, 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: Eligible Telecommunications Carriers (ETC) Rulemaking, WAC 480-120-311
Docket No. UT-053021

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has authorized the filing of a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) with the Code Reviser in Docket No. UT-053021. The Commission will consider in this rulemaking docket the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) new process for eligible telecommunications carriers (ETC) designation and whether to adopt similar rules, different rules, or no rules with respect to ETC designation and annual certification. The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/053021>. If you are unable to access the web site and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Commission requests written comments from interested persons regarding ETC designation and annual certification, and whether the Commission should adopt similar rules, different rules, or no rules. A list of questions has been posted to assist those who would like to provide written comments. The questions are located at www.wutc.wa.gov/053021.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

We encourage your attendance and participation to discuss ETC designation and annual certification rulemaking issues at the **stakeholder workshop that will be held on Wednesday, June 29, 2005, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters,**

beginning at 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

If you cannot attend the workshop in person, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at **(360) 664-3846**. You may reserve a line by calling Ms. Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139 by June 28, 2005.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **Wednesday, June 1, 2005**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to reduce the need for paper copies, to enhance public access, and to facilitate reference to the comments. **Please submit comments in Word format to facilitate creation of summaries by Commission Staff and in .pdf (Adobe) format to facilitate internet posting.** 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-053021)
- The commenting party's name
- The subject and date of the comments

An alternative method for submitting comments is to mail or deliver an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in Word 97 or later (.doc) (please *also* include an Adobe Acrobat version (.pdf), if possible). Include all of the information requested above. All comments that are provided in electronic format will be posted and made publicly available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/053021>.

If you are unable to file your comments via e-mail or submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept paper documents.

Questions may be directed to Bob Shirley at <bshirley@wutc.wa.gov> or (360) 664-1292.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments and stakeholder workshops. 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. UT-053021 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

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. UT-053021. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary