

April 16, 2013

**NOTICE EXTENDING TIME TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By Friday, May 17, 2013)
and
NOTICE RESCHEDULING WORKSHOP
(Set for Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 9:30 a.m.)**

Re: Rulemaking to Consider Possible Corrections and Changes in Rules in
WAC 480-07, Relating to Procedural Rules, Docket A-130355

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On March 20, 2013, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider possible additions or modifications to certain sections in Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 480-07, the Commission's procedural rules.

On March 22, 2013, the Commission issued a notice identifying a number of areas in which the Commission's procedural rules in WAC 480-07 could be supplemented, improved, or clarified, and provided interested persons the opportunity to submit written comments on the CR-101 by April 26, 2013 (Notice). The Notice also scheduled a stakeholder workshop for May 15, 2013.

The Commission believes it is appropriate to defer, at this time, the topic "Procedures for Commission consideration of expedited rate filings" (noted as ~~strikeout~~, below). The Commission anticipates discussion on this topic to occur in this rulemaking but subsequent to discussion on the matters listed below.

Further, the Commission adds two topics for discussion: standard data requests and settlement procedures. These topics are underlined in the following complete list of topics on which the Commission seeks comment:

- ~~Procedures for Commission consideration of expedited rate filings.~~
- Revisions to rate case filing requirements.
- Procedures for initial evaluation of complaints filed against regulated companies.
- Procedures for penalty assessments.
- Procedures for enforcing annual report filing and regulatory fee payment.
- Procedures for Commission consideration of dockets at Open Public Meetings, including filing deadlines.
- Procedures for Commission review of company Integrated Resource Plans, Requests for Proposals, Conservation Plans, and other I-937 filings.
- Interested party access to confidential documents in non-adjudicative cases.
- Procedures for Commission review of settlement agreements in cases involving suspended tariffs.
- Procedures for requesting preliminary relief in adjudicative dockets.
- Creation and maintenance of official service list in adjudications (including courtesy email distribution).
- Exhibit identification/numbering in adjudicative proceedings.
- Filing and distribution of cross-examination exhibits.
- Clarification or revision of initial orders prior to seeking administrative review.
- Possible new requirements for pre-filed responses to standard data requests in rate cases.
- Possible new or revised rules for settlements, including use of a qualified settlement judge for major cases.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

The Commission invites initial written comments on the revised topics, and on the need or desirability of rules or rule revisions governing these or other areas, as well as any suggested rule language.

Accordingly, the Commission extends the deadline for filing comments to **Friday, May 17, 2013**. The Commission offers any interested persons who have not yet filed comments, and interested persons who wish to file additional comments, the same opportunity to file comments by that date.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED WORKSHOP

The Commission reschedules the previously scheduled stakeholder workshop of May 15, 2013, to **July 2, 2013, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington**. At the workshop, Commission Staff will review and discuss comments with the stakeholders.

If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355 or gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

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