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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS**  
**(By August 15, 2022)**  
**and**  
**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP**  
**(Set for October 11, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.)**

Re: Rulemaking to update motor carrier safety rules in Chapters WAC 480-15; household goods companies; WAC 480-30 passenger transportation companies, and WAC 480-70 solid waste companies. Docket T-220252

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On July 15, 2022, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider revisions to chapters 480-15, 480-30, and 480-70 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). Specifically, these are safety rules that govern household goods, passenger transportation, and solid waste collection companies.

The Commission filed the CR-101 under Docket T-220252.

The review of these safety rules is intended to improve consistency between the Commission's rules, Washington State Patrol's (WSP) rules, and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSR). The rulemaking is consistent with and supports initiatives in the Commission's 2021-23 Strategic Business Plan by advancing public safety. The purpose of the rulemaking is to repeal, amend, and adopt motor carrier safety rules and improve safety rules to allow for more equitable treatment to those required to comply with the rules.

**Responses to the following questions and requests for comment based on the attached report would be useful to the Commission in conducting its inquiry:**

1. Are any of the safety rules obsolete, duplicative, or ambiguous to a degree that warrants repeal or revision? If yes, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.

2. Have laws or other circumstances changed so that any safety rules should be repealed or amended? If yes, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
3. Are the safety rules written and organized in a clear and concise manner so that those to whom the safety rules apply can easily understand them? If no, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
4. Are the rules consistent with the legislative intent of the authorizing statutes ? If no, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
5. Are the safety rules equitably applied to those required to comply with them? If not, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
6. Should safety rules be modified to eliminate or adjust disproportionate impacts on the regulated industry? If yes, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation?
7. Should any safety rules be strengthened to provide additional protections? If yes, please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
8. Which safety rules, if any, conflict with WSP rules or FMCSRs? Please identify the rule(s) and provide a brief explanation.
9. Can the Commission structure its safety rules in this rulemaking to make it easier for motor carriers to comply with safety regulations while still maintaining consistency with WSP rules and the FMCSRs?
10. Please provide any comments or feedback to the attached Motor Carrier Safety Increase Regulatory Consistency Report and Commission staff recommendations.

The Commission invites initial written comments in response to these questions and will conduct a workshop to address the relevant issues and comments.

The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's website at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252>. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like an electronic copy of the CR-101 emailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234 or at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov).

## WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments on the CR-101, pursuant to WAC 480-07-250(3), must be submitted in electronic form, specifically in searchable .pdf format (Adobe Acrobat or comparable software). As provided in WAC 480-07-140(5), those comments must be submitted via the Commission's web portal at [www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing). If you are unable to submit documents via the portal, you may submit your comments by email to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov) or by mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a flash drive, DVD, or compact disc that includes the filed document(s). Comment submissions should include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (Docket T-220252);
- The commenting party's name; and
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The web site is located at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/casedocket/2022/220252>.

If you are unable to file your comments electronically, the Commission will accept a paper document. If you have questions regarding this rulemaking, you may contact Elaina Young at (360) 664-1244, or by email at [elaina.young@utc.wa.gov](mailto:elaina.young@utc.wa.gov).

### NOTICE OF WORKSHOP

Interested persons, as well as parties in Docket T-220252, are invited to participate in the Commission's virtual workshop set for Tuesday, October 11, 2022, at 9 a.m., **beginning at 9 a.m. To participate via Zoom, [click here to join the workshop](#)**.<sup>1</sup> If you are unable to participate via Zoom, you listen in by phone by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering the Meeting ID: 893 9836 3704# and Passcode 244905#. During the workshop, Commission staff will review and discuss comments with the interested parties.

The Commission is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to participants with disabilities. If you need a reasonable accommodation for this workshop, please contact the Commission at least one business day prior to the workshop by calling 1-360-664-1132 or by sending an email to [human\\_resources@utc.wa.gov](mailto:human_resources@utc.wa.gov). For TTY service, please call the Washington Relay Service at 7-1-1 or 1-800-833-6384.

If you wish to participate and need an interpreter, one will be provided at no cost to you. If possible, please inform the Commission of which language you will need interpretation services for at least one business day prior to the meeting by calling (360) 664-1140, or by sending an email to [paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov](mailto:paige.doyle@utc.wa.gov).

### OTHER INFORMATION

Interested parties will have further opportunity for comment. Information about the rulemaking schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, will be posted on the Commission's website as it becomes available. If you wish to receive further information on this rulemaking you may:

- Call the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1139;
- Email the Commission at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov); or
- Mail written comments to the address below

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<sup>1</sup> <https://utc-wa-gov.zoom.us/j/89398363704?pwd=eVRET3Q3RGpsUFY3a0tCOXdWUGI0QT09>.

When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket T-220252 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

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**If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Executive Director and Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket T-220252. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.**

AMANDA MAXWELL  
Executive Director and Secretary