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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS ON
SOLID WASTE INDUSTRY PROCEDURAL RULES
(By Friday, November 1, 2013)**

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. The Commission has received initial written comments and has conducted two workshops to discuss issues raised in those comments.

The Commission invites additional written comments on proposed revisions to the procedural rules specific to the solid waste industry, particularly WAC 480-07-505 and WAC 480-07-520. Comments should focus on the following potential revisions to those rules:

1. Add the following to WAC 480-07-505(3), which lists solid waste filings that are not considered general rate proceedings subject to WAC 480-07-520 work paper filing requirements:
 - a. Garbage disposal (transfer station or landfill) fees only. If an affiliated interest transaction exists, the company must also demonstrate that the disposal fee complies with RCW 81.77.160(3).
 - b. Recycling material processing fees only. The company must demonstrate the cost of the disposal fees and the effect on rates. If an affiliated interest transaction exists, the company must also provide the information required by WAC 480-07-520(j).

- c. Yard waste processing fees only. The company must demonstrate the cost of the disposal fees and the effect on rates. If an affiliated interest transaction exists, the company must also provide the information required by WAC 480-07-520(j).
 - d. Filings that only decrease residential recycling commodity credits. Note that a decrease in the credit results in an increased charge to the customer.
2. Revise WAC 480-07-520 as follows:
- a. Require results of operations for ratemaking purposes to conform to a uniform format including portrayal by account of (a) test year “per books” results of operations, (b) restating and pro forma adjustments, and (c) adjusted results of operations before and after rate relief.
 - b. Require a general description of the rate case filing, including discussion of the significant factors causing the need for rate change, the date of the last rate change, and customer class impacts.
 - c. Require a narrative explanation and supporting calculations of all restating and pro forma adjustments.
 - d. Establish a time for Commission staff review before a filing is accepted and the corresponding impact on tariff effective dates. If the filing does not initially satisfy the filing requirements, the commission will not consider the document to be officially filed and the statutory filing time period will not start until the date and time that the commission receives all required electronic and paper copies that comply with the rule requirements.
 - e. Specify that filings that do not comply with all filing requirements will be rejected.
 - f. Require a summary document (checklist) that shows, for each section and subsection of WAC 480-07-520, the location of the required information in the company’s filing or work papers.
 - g. Require under WAC 480-07-520(4)(j) that the company demonstrate the cost of every affiliate transaction.
 - h. Require under WAC 480-07-510(3)(e) that the company explain and provide work papers supporting the derivation of all inter- and intra-company and multiservice cost allocation factors.
 - i. Provide that the Commission and staff may request additional information needed to determine costs and rates during the review process.

- j. Require that all electronic documents filed under this rule must comply with WAC 480-07-140(6), be fully functional, include all formulas, include all linked spreadsheet files, and not include locked, password protected, or hidden cells.
- k. Require under WAC 480-07-250(a) that the filing include for each adjustment, the source of the adjustment (*e.g.* general ledger) and all supporting calculations and documentation, as well as a narrative explanation of the underlying reasons for each adjustment.
- l. Require an analysis of the cost to provide each of the collection services offered by the company.
- m. Require a general ledger, in Excel format, reconcilable to the per books pro forma income statement.

Commenters may also propose different or additional revisions to these existing rules, and the Commission encourages commenters to propose rule language to implement these or any other suggested rule revisions. The Commission will conduct a subsequent workshop to discuss the issues raised and rule language.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, November 1, 2013**. 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. You may submit comments via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. Please include:

- The docket numbers of this proceeding (Docket A-130355).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is mailing or delivering an electronic copy to the Commission's Records Center on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format or in Word 97 or later format, a flash drive or CD. Include all of the information requested above. 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/130355>.

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 staff lead, Gregory J. Kopta, at (360) 664-1355, or by email at gkopta@utc.wa.gov.

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