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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(Friday, February 14, 2003)**

**NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Tuesday, February 25, 2003)**

RE: Gas Companies – Safety Rulemaking, Chapter 480-93 WAC
Docket No. UG-011073

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff has completed draft proposed rules for Chapter 480-93 WAC with the exception of a rule for master meters. The topic of master meters will be addressed later in this rulemaking. The proposed draft general rules, design and construction rules, and operation and maintenance rules reflect written comments received and discussion at the first workshop. In addition, the draft proposal includes a first draft of proposed reporting rules, definitions, and a proposed new rule for corrosion control.

The draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/011073. The Commission will send a paper copy of the draft rules or will send the proposal via electronic mail, if requested.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP.

The Commission will convene a workshop on **Tuesday, February 25, 2003**, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

If you cannot attend the workshop, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at (360) 664-3846. There are 12 lines available on a first-come first-served basis. You may reserve a line by calling Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139.

WRITTEN COMMENTS.

Written comments on the draft proposed rules must be filed with the Commission no later than Friday, February 14, 2003, for consideration at the February 25, 2003, workshop. 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 (UG-011073)
- 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/011073>. If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will always accept a paper document.

Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about scheduling, an agenda for the workshop, draft proposed rules, Staff responses to stakeholder comments, and other aspects of rulemaking 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 above to the attention of Carole J. Washburn, Secretary. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UG-011073 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list.

If you have any questions regarding this rulemaking, please contact Sondra Walsh at swalsh@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1286.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary