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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS  
(By Friday, December 7, 2012)**

RE: Commission Investigation into the Need to Enhance the Safety of Natural Gas Distribution Systems, Docket UG-120715

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On May 18, 2012, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued an order in Docket UG-110723 initiating an investigation into whether companies subject to the Commission's jurisdiction should do more to enhance the safety of their natural gas distribution systems and, if so, to develop appropriate requirements or incentives to accomplish that goal. The Commission received comments from interested parties and conducted workshops on June 21, 2012, and July 1, 2012.

Commission Staff has drafted a Policy Statement in this matter. The Commission is interested in receiving written comments from interested persons on the "Statement of Commission Policy" section of the draft Policy Statement, which is available for review on the Commission's web site at [www.utc.wa.gov/120715](http://www.utc.wa.gov/120715). If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the Statement of Commission Policy section of the draft Policy Statement mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

**WRITTEN COMMENTS**

Written comments on the "Statement of Commission Policy" section of the draft Policy Statement must be filed with the Commission no later than **5:00 p.m., Friday, December 7, 2012**. 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](http://www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing) or by electronic mail to the Commission's Records Center at [records@utc.wa.gov](mailto:records@utc.wa.gov). Please include:

- The docket number of this proceeding (UG-120715).
- The commenting party's name.
- The title and date of the comment or comments.

An alternative method for submitting comments is by 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. Include all of the information requested above. The Commission will post on its web site all comments that are provided in electronic format. The website is located at [www.utc.wa.gov/120715](http://www.utc.wa.gov/120715).

If you are unable to file your comments electronically or to submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept a paper document.

If you have questions regarding this Notice, you may contact Steve King by email at [sking@utc.wa.gov](mailto:sking@utc.wa.gov) or by calling (360) 664-1115.

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