

February 14, 2002

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING (CR-102)
AND ORAL COMMENT OPPORTUNITY
(March 27, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.)**

**FINAL REQUEST FOR SBEIS INFORMATION
(Now through March 7, 2002)**

RE: Telecommunications - Operations, Chapter 480-120 WAC
Docket No. UT-990146

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Commission Staff has completed a draft of the proposed rules for chapter 480-120 WAC, Telecommunications – Operations. Please note that the rules include rules on the use of private information. Commission Staff plans to present the CR-102 Proposed Rulemaking to the Commission at a special open meeting, **March 27, 2002, at 1:30 p.m.** Interested persons may comment on the proposed rules at the special open meeting. The proposed draft rules are available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/990146. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the proposed draft rules, please contact the records center at (360) 664-1234.

The special open meeting will be held in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters in Olympia, Washington. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia Washington 98504-7250

SBEIS Survey

The Commission offers a final opportunity to respond to a survey that will assist the Commission in its preparation of a small business economic impact statement (SBEIS) based on the most recent set of draft rules. In order to allow Commission Staff sufficient time to produce the SBEIS, we request that you submit SBEIS survey responses **no later than Thursday, March 7, 2002**. Because of the time needed to prepare an analysis of

the information received, responses to the questionnaire received after March 7, 2002, will not be reflected in the SBEIS.

The Commission has prepared an interactive survey concerning the economic effects these draft proposed rules may have on small businesses. The survey may be viewed and responded to on the internet at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/990146/SBEIS>. Assumptions should be based on the complete set of proposed draft rules posted concurrently with this Notice at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/990146>. If you do not wish to respond electronically, you may contact the Commission and ask for a paper copy of the survey and one will be provided to you. Please call Records Center at (360) 664-1234 if you need a paper copy.

All interested persons are requested to respond to the survey, including businesses that do not meet the statutory definition of a small business (fifty or fewer employees). The Commission considers the potential cost of its rules for all affected businesses in its analysis of rules. Interested persons who are not businesses may also comment on the potential economic impact a section may have on customers.

Responses to the SBEIS survey will be received on a section-by-section basis. Please respond to all rules that you believe will have an economic impact upon your business or upon customers.

You may respond to the SBEIS survey **beginning now through March 7, 2002**. After March 7, 2002, the internet link to the questionnaire will be closed. Paper responses, if any, should also be filed with the Commission **no later than March 7, 2002**.

If you need additional information regarding the draft proposed rules, please call Bob Shirley at (360) 664-1292 or e-mail him at bshirley@wutc.wa.gov. If you need additional information regarding the SBEIS survey, please call Tim Zawislak at (360) 664-1294 or e-mail him at tim@wutc.wa.gov.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Secretary