

[Service Date September 8, 2005]

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By October 20, 2005)**

RE: *Rulemaking to Consider Amending WAC 480-140-020, relating to who must file budgets with the Commission*
Docket No. UT-051261 and Docket No. UW-051287

TO INTERESTED PERSONS:

On September 7, 2005, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the need for requiring telecommunications companies and water companies to file budgets. The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051261> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287>. If you are unable to access the web site and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Commission's Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

The Commission requests written comments from interested persons regarding the elimination of the requirement for telecommunications companies and water companies to file annual budgets with the Commission.

WRITTEN COMMENTS

Written comments must be filed with the Commission no later than **Thursday, October 20, 2005**. The Commission requests that comments be provided in electronic format to reduce the need for paper copies, to enhance public access, and to facilitate reference to the comments. **Please submit comments in Word format to facilitate creation of summaries by Commission Staff and in .pdf (Adobe) format to facilitate**

internet posting. 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 (UT-051261 and UW-051287)
- The commenting party's name
- The subject and date of the comments

An alternative method for submitting comments is to mail or deliver an electronic copy on a 3 ½ inch, IBM-formatted, high-density disk, in Word 97 or later (.doc) (please *also* include an Adobe Acrobat version (.pdf), if possible). Include all of the information requested above. All comments that are provided in electronic format will be posted and made publicly available on the Commission's web site at <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051261> and <http://www.wutc.wa.gov/051287>.

If you are unable to file your comments via e-mail or submit them on a disk, the Commission will accept paper documents.

Questions may be directed to Betty Erdahl at <berdahl@wutc.wa.gov> or (360) 664-1283.

Your participation is welcomed via written comments. Opportunity for further comment is anticipated. Information about the schedule and other aspects of the rulemaking, including comments, 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 below. When contacting the Commission, please refer to Docket No. UT-051261 and UW-051287 to ensure that you are placed on the appropriate service list. The Commission's mailing address is:

Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS

The Commission proposes to forego stakeholder workshops unless requested to do so by interested persons.

NOTICE

If you do not want to comment now, but do want to receive future information about this rulemaking, please notify the Secretary in one of the ways described above and ask to be included on the mailing list for Docket No. UT-051261 and UW-051287. If you do not do this, you might not receive further information about this rulemaking.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary