



PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2012)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

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Agency: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 14-15-046 ; or
- Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR _____; or
- Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4) or 34.05.330(1).

- Original Notice
- Supplemental Notice to WSR _____
- Continuance of WSR _____

Title of rule and other identifying information: (Describe Subject)

This rulemaking proposes amending rules and eliminating requirements in existing rules in WAC 480-120, Telephone Companies, WAC 480-121, Registration and Competitive Classification of Telecommunications Companies, WAC 480-122, Washington Telephone Assistance Program, WAC 480-123, Universal Service, WAC 480-140, Commission General – Budgets, and WAC 480-143, Commission General – Transfers of Property. This rulemaking also proposes establishing damage reporting requirements in accordance with the 2011 amended underground utilities law, Chapter 19.12.02 RCW. Docket UT-140680

Hearing location(s):

Commission Hearing Room 206
Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Date: February 12, 2015 Time: 1:30 p.m.

Submit written comments to:

Name: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
Address 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

e-mail records@utc.wa.gov. Please include "Docket UT-140680" in your comments.

fax (360) 586-1150 by (date) January 6, 2015

Assistance for persons with disabilities: Contact

Debbie Aguilar by January 29, 2015

TTY (360) 586-8203 or (360) 664-1132

Date of intended adoption: February 12, 2015

(Note: This is NOT the **effective** date)

Purpose of the proposal and its anticipated effects, including any changes in existing rules:

The telecommunications industry has undergone substantial technological and competitive changes in just the last few years. Washington consumers and businesses now have multiple choices of providers for their telephone services, and as a result the Incumbent local exchange carriers have experienced significant declines in customers and local telephone service revenues. This proposal addresses the changes that have occurred in the telecommunications marketplace since 2007, the last time the Commission revised its rules. In addition, this proposal establishes damage reporting requirements in accordance with the 2011 amended underground utilities law by requiring facilities operators to report damage events to the Commission with 45 days, with specific descriptive data about the event.

Reasons supporting proposal: See above.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 19.122.053, RCW 19.122, RCW 80.01.040 and RCW 80.04.160

Statute being implemented: N/A

Is rule necessary because of a:

- Federal Law? Yes No
 - Federal Court Decision? Yes No
 - State Court Decision? Yes No
- If yes, CITATION:

DATE
December 2, 2014

NAME (type or print)
Steven V. King

SIGNATURE

TITLE
Executive Director and Secretary

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**DATE: December 02, 2014
TIME: 9:52 AM**

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Agency comments or recommendations, if any, as to statutory language, implementation, enforcement, and fiscal matters:

None

Name of proponent: (person or organization) Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

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Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW or has a school district fiscal impact statement been prepared under section 1, chapter 210, Laws of 2012?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement or school district fiscal impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

The proposed rules will not result in or impose more than minor costs. Because there will not be more than minor increases in costs resulting from the proposed rule changes, a SBEIS is not required under RCW 19.85.030(1).

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

Yes A preliminary cost-benefit analysis may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

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No: Please explain:

The Commission is not an agency to which RCW 34.05.328 applies. The proposed rules are not significant legislative rules of the sort referenced in RCW 34.05.328(5).