

PROPOSED RULE MAKING

CR-102 (June 2004)

(Implements RCW 34.05.320)

Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

Agency: Washington State Transportation Commission

- Preproposal Statement of Inquiry was filed as WSR 13-09-043; or
 Expedited Rule Making--Proposed notice was filed as WSR; or
 Proposal is exempt under RCW 34.05.310(4).

- Original Notice
 Supplemental Notice to WSR
 Continuance of WSR

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

STATE FERRIES AND TOLL BRIDGES

WAC 468-300-010; 468-300-020; 468-300-040; 468-300-080 and 468-300-220.

As required by law, the Transportation Commission is reviewing the need to adjust ferry fares in October 2013 and May 2014. Proposed revisions to WAC 468-300-010, -020, -040 and -220 increase passenger tolls, vehicle tolls and ferry charter rates effective October 1, 2013; and a second increase effective May 1, 2014, except for vessel charter rates. Proposed revisions to WAC 468-300-080 modify the ferry fuel surcharge methodology, including the timing and sequence of data analysis for a fuel surcharge if the actual vessel fuel costs exceed the budgeted amount established by the legislature.

Hearing location(s):

Union Station
Ruth Fisher Boardroom
401 S. Jackson St.
Seattle, WA 98104

Date: Tuesday, July 30, 2013 Time: 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m

Date of intended adoption: Tuesday, July 30, 2013

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

Submit written comments to:

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Transportation Commission Office by July 29, 2013

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

The purpose of this rule is to: (i) increase ferry tolls and ferry charter rates; (ii) modify certain fare categories, and (iii) update the ferry fuel surcharge methodology, all within the specified WACs. The revisions follow the annual review of WSF's fares and policies.

The anticipated effects of this proposal are that: (i) general ferry fares will increase and some fare categories will be modified; and (ii) the timing and sequence of data analysis for a fuel surcharge will be modified.

Reasons supporting proposal:

The fare changes are aimed at meeting requirements in state law that include fares be set to meet the fare revenue target established in the two-year transportation budget.

Statutory authority for adoption: RCW 47.56.030 and 47.60.315

Statute being implemented: RCW 47.56.030 and 47.60.315

Is rule necessary because of a:

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

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DATE: June 17, 2013

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WSR 13-13-054

DATE

June 17, 2013

NAME (type or print) Reema Griffith

SIGNATURE



TITLE Executive Director, Transportation Commission

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

None.

Name of proponent: (person or organization)
Washington State Department of Transportation Ferries Division

- Private
- Public
- Governmental

Name of agency personnel responsible for:

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Implementation.... same	Same	same
Enforcement.....same	Same	same

Has a small business economic impact statement been prepared under chapter 19.85 RCW?

Yes. Attach copy of small business economic impact statement.

A copy of the statement may be obtained by contacting:

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No. Explain why no statement was prepared.

Pursuant to RCW 19.85.030, the proposed rules will not impose more than minor costs on businesses in an industry.

Is a cost-benefit analysis required under RCW 34.05.328?

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

Name:

Address:

phone () _____

fax () _____

e-mail _____

No: Please explain:

WSF is anticipated to take in more farebox revenue from the proposed fare increase which is estimated to generate approximately \$7.6 million for FY 2014 and FY 2015 combined.