

WAC 480-15-810 Resolving customer complaints or claims. When the carrier receives a complaint or claim, it must:

(1) Notify the customer, in writing, within ten business days that it has received the claim or complaint and advise the customer of the availability of the commission for further review by providing the commission's toll-free number and mailing address: 1-800-562-6150; P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250.

(2) Investigate the complaint or claim.

(3) Advise the customer of the resolution of the complaint or claim in writing.

(4) If it is a loss or damage claim, pay the claim, refuse the claim, or make a compromise offer within ninety days.

(a) If the carrier cannot resolve a loss or damage claim within ninety days, it must, for each thirty-day period thereafter until the claim is settled, inform the customer, in writing, of the reason it failed to resolve the claim or clearly state its final offer or denial and close the claim and advise the customer of the availability of the commission for further review by providing the commission's toll-free number and mailing address: 1-800-562-6150; P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, Washington 98504-7250.

(b) Maintain a copy of the written correspondence required in (a) of this subsection in the complaint or claim file for three years, as directed by WAC 480-15-830.

(5) The carrier may satisfy any claim by reimbursing the customer or repairing or replacing the property lost or damaged with materials of like kind, quality, and condition.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040, 80.04.160, 81.04.250, 81.28.040, 81.80.120, 81.80.130 and 81.80.290. WSR 08-02-049 (Docket TV-070466, General Order R-547), § 480-15-810, filed 12/27/07, effective 1/27/08. Statutory Authority: RCW 81.04.160 and 80.01.040. WSR 99-01-077 (Order R-454, Docket No. TV-971477), § 480-15-810, filed 12/15/98, effective 1/15/99.]