

**WAC 480-15-340 Commenting on an application for permanent authority.** (1) The commission publishes applications for permanent authority in the application docket that it mails to each applicant and, upon written request, to any other person interested in application proceedings.

(2) Anyone having an interest in an application appearing on the docket may file written comments within thirty days following publication, unless the application is published in conjunction with a grant of provisional authority. If the permanent authority application is published in conjunction with a grant of provisional authority, then comments will be accepted for one hundred eighty days or the full term of the provisional permit.

(3) Comments may either support or protest the application. Comments must include the commenter's full name, address, telephone number, email address, fax number, and permit number, if available. Comments must be signed and indicate the place and date when they were signed. Comments must indicate support for, or protest of, the permanent authority for any one or more of the following reasons:

- (a) Fitness.
- (b) Public interest.
- (c) Levels of service.
- (d) Business practices.
- (e) Safety.
- (f) Operation of equipment.
- (g) Current or future public need for service.

(4) A comment protesting an application will not, on its own, cause the commission to set the matter for a hearing.

[Statutory Authority: RCW 80.01.040, 81.04.160, and 81.80.075. WSR 12-13-007 (Docket TV-111493, General Order R-565), § 480-15-340, filed 6/7/12, effective 7/8/12. 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), § 480-15-340, 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), § 480-15-340, filed 12/15/98, effective 1/15/99.]