Public Hearing on Unemployment Tax Rules, 11/8/07

EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT
STATE OF WASHINGTON

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UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PUBLIC HEARING
GENERAL TAX RULES AND CORPORATE OFFICERS

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Date and Location

November 8, 2007
Thursday, 10:00 a.m.
Employment Security Department
Maple Leaf Conference Room
212 Maple Park
Olympia, Washington

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BE IT REMEMBERED, that a public hearing was held on
the date and location as set forth above. The Employment
Security Department was represented by Pamela Ames, Rules
Coordinator, as the hearing officer; and Art Wang and
Chris Smith.

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PROCEEDINGS

Introduction

MS. AMES: Pursuant to the authority given under Washington State law, this hearing is hereby convened. For the record, the hearing is convening at 10:15 on November 8 at 212 Maple Park Drive, Olympia, Washington. This hearing is convened to consider testimony concerning the following rulemaking proposal, which is rules to implement the 2007 legislation in the area of tax rates for new employers, reporting requirements, penalties, corporate officers, exemptions and employer notices. This proposed rule is necessary to implement the 2007 legislation.

Notice of this hearing was published in the Washington State Register on October 17, 2007, as number WSR 20-124 and sent to interested parties.

My name is Pamela Ames. I'm the rules coordinator for the state of Washington Employment Security Department. I represent Karen T. Lee as hearing officer presiding at this public rulemaking hearing.

There are two Employment Security staff attending this hearing, that is Art Wang from the tax division and Chris Smith also from UI division -- unemployment
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insurance division.

Testimony

MS. AMES: This hearing is convened to consider written submissions and oral testimony presented on the proposal. We have nobody signed in or attending this hearing other than two Employment Security representatives.

Art Wang will enter his written testimony into the record.

Seeing that there are no attendees wishing to provide testimony, we will conclude this hearing.

MR. WANG: Why don't you allow written testimony until November 13th.

Conclusion

MS. AMES: All oral testimony presented at this hearing and written submissions will become part of the official record. The deadline for submitting written comments was November 7, 2007. If there are any additional written comments, please submit them by November 13th at the 212 Maple Park address for Pamela Ames which I will have entered into the record.
A final decision regarding adoption of this proposed rulemaking will be made on November 20, 2007.

The hearing is now concluded at 10:18, November 8.  
(Whereupon, proceedings adjourned at 10:18 a.m.)
CERTIFICATE

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) ss.
County of Pierce )

I, Cheryl A. Smith, a Certified Court Reporter in and for the State of Washington, do hereby certify:

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That I am not a relative, employee, attorney or counsel of any party in this matter, and that I am not financially interested in said matter or the outcome thereof;

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand on this 14th day of November, 2007, at Auburn, Washington.

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