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**NOTICE GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(Staff Answering Testimony and Exhibits Now Due by April 3, 2012)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company*, Docket UG-111233

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 23, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) issued Order 04 – Prehearing Conference Order in the above matter. Order 04, among other things, adopted a procedural schedule agreed on by the parties.

On March 15, 2012, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a request to extend the filing deadline for Staff's answering testimony and exhibits to April 3, 2012. Staff indicates that the parties remain optimistic that they will reach a unanimous settlement agreement in this case and anticipate filing testimony, a settlement agreement, and narrative in support thereof on April 3, 2012. Staff also states that the parties do not object to the requested extension. The Commission finds that Staff has demonstrated good cause to extend the filing deadline and grants the request.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the request for extension of time filed by Commission Staff is granted and that the deadline for staff answering testimony and exhibits is extended from March 20, 2012, to April 3, 2012.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge