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Carole Washburn
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Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
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Re: WUTC v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation
Docket No. UG-060256

Dear Ms. Washburn:

As required by the Prehearing Order in the above captioned matter, Public Counsel is writing to report on the status of public notice and public comment in this matter. Public Counsel, Cascade, Commission Staff, and the Commission's Consumer Affairs division have conferred and arrived at proposed dates and locations for public hearings concerning this general rate case. All other parties have been apprised of these dates and locations and we have received no objections.

We recommend public hearings in Yakima on the evening of August 29 or 30, 2006, and Bellingham on the evening of September 7, 2006.

Unfortunately, we are unable to propose any other September dates. The parties' availability in September is extremely limited due to the Labor Day Holiday on September 4, Cascade's Board Meeting the week of September 11 and the Puget Sound Energy General Rate Case Hearing set for September 18.

If the limited number of suggested dates are not agreeable to the Commission, the parties will propose additional dates. These dates will likely be in August.

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Once the dates are set, the parties will begin discussing the notice. We will report back on the status of the notice once a consensus is reached.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns about this proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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