BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of)	
)	DOCKET NO. UG-011607
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
for an Order Approving a Corporate)	CONFERENCE
Reorganization to Create a Holding)	(January 24, 2002)
Company, Northwest Natural Holdco, in)	
Connection with the Acquisition of)	
Portland General Electric Company by)	
Northwest Natural Holdco.)	
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- On December 4, 2001, Northwest Natural Gas Company filed with the Commission an Application for an Order Approving a Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company, Northwest Natural Holdco, in connection with the acquisition of Portland General Electric Company by Northwest Natural Holdco. A complete copy of the application is available from the Commission upon request.
- Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of gas companies. The statutes and rules involved, in addition to those previously cited, include those within chapters 80.04, 80.12, 80.16, and 80.28 RCW, and chapters 480-09, 480-90, 480-93, and 480-143 WAC. The ultimate issues involved are whether granting the application would be consistent with the foregoing statutes and otherwise be consistent with the public interest.
- NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That in accordance with WAC 480-09-700(1)(a), the Commission has determined that good cause exists for this matter to be heard on shortened notice.
- 4 NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held at 1:30 p.m., on January 24, 2002, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.
- The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding, and to determine other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to the hearing date or

made orally at the hearing. The time and place for the evidentiary hearing will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. Appearances will be taken.

- If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, please fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission.
- NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE HEARING SET BY THIS NOTICE, OR ANY OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH RCW 34.05.440. THE PARTIES ARE FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE SANCTION PROVISIONS OF WAC 480-09-700(4) ARE SPECIFICALLY INVOKED.
- The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- Karen Caillé has been designated as the Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Commission's Administrative Law Division, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington 98504-7250, and will preside at the prehearing conference.
- Notice of any other procedural phase will be given in writing or on the record as the Commission may deem appropriate during the course of this proceeding.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN Executive Secretary

January ____, 2002

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