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NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE

(Set for Tuesday, July 25, 2006, at 9:00 a.m.)

Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation*, Docket UG-060256

TO THE PARTIES:

On July 11, 2006, MDU Resources Group (MDU) announced its intent to acquire Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade). On July 19, 2006, I inquired via e-mail whether the parties were available for a prehearing conference to discuss the impact of the acquisition on Cascade's rate case pending in this docket. While MDU has not yet filed with the Commission seeking approval of the acquisition, it is appropriate to discuss at an early stage in the proceeding whether the acquisition will have any effect on the pending rate case. As the parties have scheduled a settlement conference at the Commission on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, they have agreed to schedule a prehearing conference to address these issues prior to the settlement conference.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That a prehearing conference in this matter will be held on Tuesday, July 25, 2006, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 207, 2nd Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S. W., Olympia, Washington. If you are unable to attend the prehearing conference in person, you may attend via the Commission's teleconference bridge line, **360-664-3846**. Please appear on the teleconference bridge five minutes before the conference is scheduled to begin.

Sincerely,

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge