

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

In the Matter of the Joint Application of)	DOCKET UG-061721
)	
MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.)	ORDER 05
AND CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	
CORPORATION)	SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL
)	SCHEDULE
For an Order Authorizing Proposed)	
Transaction)	
.....)	

MEMORANDUM

- 1 **NATURE OF PROCEEDING.** Docket UG-061721 involves a joint application of MDU Resources Group, Inc. (MDU) and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) for an order authorizing MDU Resources’ acquisition of all outstanding common stock of Cascade.

- 2 **SETTLEMENT IN PRINCIPLE.** The parties, via counsel for the applicants, have informed the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) that they have reached a settlement in principle. They expect to file a settlement agreement on or about May 2, 2007. This date falls after the date for response testimony. The Commission acts on its own motion to suspend the procedural schedule to give the parties adequate opportunity to prepare the necessary documents for filing their agreement.

ORDER

- 3 **THE COMMISSION ORDERS** that the procedural schedule appended to Order 04 is suspended. Further process and procedural dates will be established by subsequent notice or order.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective April 24, 2007.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge