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September 2, 2014

**NOTICE SUSPENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE IN
DOCKETS UW-132013 AND UW-140820**

**NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE
(Set for Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 1:30 p.m.)**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cristalina LLC*, Docket UW-090516;

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cristalina LLC, Docket UW-132013;

In the Matter of the Penalty Assessment Against Maria K. Lindberg in the Amount of \$14,600, Docket UW-140820; and

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Cristalina LLC For an Order Approving Sale and Transfer of Assets and Removal of Cristalina LLC From Regulation, Docket UW-141301

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 8, 2009, Cristalina LLC (Cristalina or Company) filed a request with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) to bill and collect a surcharge of \$32.00 per month from each customer, designated as Docket UW-090516. The requested surcharge amount corresponded to the Company's repayment obligations for a State Revolving Fund loan for infrastructure improvements. The Commission granted the Company's request subject to a series of conditions outlined in Order 01 issued on May 28, 2009.

On May 21, 2014, the Commission issued a Complaint against Cristalina, for failure to comply with Order 01 in Docket UW-090516, designated as Docket UW-132013.

On May 21, 2014, the Commission issued a penalty assessment against Maria K. Lindberg in her individual capacity as current owner and manager of Cristalina for failure to comply with Order 01 in Docket UW-090516, designated as Docket UW-140820.

On June 17, 2014, Cristalina filed with the Commission a joint application to allow the sale and transfer of substantially all of its assets to Washington Water Service Company, designated as Docket UW-141301.

On July 2, 2014, the Commission entered Order 01, Prehearing Conference Order, in Docket UW-132013 scheduling a hearing for August 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., and on July 8, 2014, the Commission issued a Notice of Brief Adjudicative Proceeding setting the time for oral statements in Docket UW-140820 for August 20, 2014, at 9:30 a.m. The Notice stated that the brief adjudicative proceeding would be heard at the same time as the Commission's complaint proceeding in Docket UW-132013.

On August 4, 2014, the Commission issued a notice rescheduling the hearing in Docket UW-132013 and the brief adjudicative proceeding in Docket UW-140820 to convene on Tuesday, September 9, 2014, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

On August 29, 2014, Commission Staff (Staff) filed a motion (Motion) with the Commission to consolidate all pending dockets involving Cristalina or its owner, Maria K. Lindberg (Ms. Lindberg), and continue and suspend the procedural schedules in Docket UW-132013 and UW-140820. Staff further requests the Commission postpone the evidentiary hearing and brief adjudicative proceeding scheduled in Dockets UW-132013 and UW-140820, respectively, and schedule a prehearing conference for September 24, 2014, for the proposed consolidated dockets. Staff argues that the presently-open dockets involving Cristalina and Ms. Lindberg share common issues of law and fact, and that consolidation would promote judicial economy and a more comprehensive review process.

On September 2, 2014, counsel for Cristalina and Ms. Lindberg informed the Commission that it does not object to Staff's Motion, but requests the matters be expedited to the extent possible.

The Commission finds good cause to suspend the procedural schedule in Dockets UW-132013 and UW-140820, and therefore grants Staff's request. The Commission will convene a prehearing conference for purposes of addressing consolidation of the four dockets involving Cristalina and Ms. Lindberg and related procedural matters.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the procedural schedule in Dockets UW-132013 and UW-140820 are suspended, and cancels the evidentiary hearing and brief adjudicative proceeding in Dockets UW-132013 and UW-140820, respectively, scheduled for September 9, 2014.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That it will hold a prehearing conference in Dockets UW-090516, UW-132013, UW-140820, and UW-141301 on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 1:30 p.m., in Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to address consolidation of the dockets listed above and related procedural matters.

GREGORY J. KOPTA
Administrative Law Judge