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**NOTICE OF COMMISSION INTENT TO RESOLVE DOCKET  
ON A PAPER RECORD  
AND  
SUSPENDING REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company*, Docket UG-111233

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 23, 2011, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 04 – Prehearing Conference Order in the above matter. Order 04, among other things, adopted a procedural schedule agreed to by the parties.

On March 16, March 30, and April 18, 2012, the Commission issued notices granting Commission Staff’s request for an extension of time to file Staff’s answering testimony and exhibits or a settlement agreement.

On April 24, 2012, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed with the Commission a settlement stipulation between NW Natural and Commission Staff that resolves all contested issues in this proceeding.

On April 18, 2012, the Commission notified the parties that it tentatively reserved May 29, 2012, for a hearing on a parties’ proposed settlement agreement. The Commission now finds that it is not necessary to hold a live hearing in this matter, but rather will resolve this matter on a paper record. All prefiled exhibits and the settlement stipulation will be admitted as exhibits.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That the hearing tentatively scheduled for May 29, 2012, on the parties proposed settlement is cancelled.**

**NOTICE IF HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN That the remaining procedural schedule is suspended.**

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS  
Administrative Law Judge