

5 The parties have demonstrated good cause under RCW 34.05.240(6) to allow the Commission to stay the proceedings for a 120-day period. The Commission favors voluntary settlement of disputes, and encourages parties to resolve disputes without the need for litigation. *See RCW 480-09-465, -466.*

ORDER

6 THE COMMISSION ORDERS, that this proceeding be stayed for a period of 120 days from and after the date of this Order. This stay shall remain in full force and effect unless and until, at any time during the 120-day period, any one or more of the parties to the stipulation move to lift the stay.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 22nd day of August, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

ANN E. RENDAHL
Administrative Law Judge