

March 16, 2000

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

Ms. Carole Washburn, Secretary

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission

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Re: **Docket No. UG-000073:**

NW Natural's Request for Waiver of Class Cost of Service Study

This letter is to advise the Commission that NW Natural and the parties to this docket have reached a resolution respecting the company's request for waiver of a class cost of service study in this docket, as follows.

NW Natural hereby withdraws its request for a waiver of a class cost of service study and will file its study by June 15, 2000. In exchange, the parties have agreed that the procedural schedule in this docket will not slip past the November 1, 2000 filing date for legal briefs adopted by Judge Caille at the March 8 prehearing conference. The parties agreed that the following *additional* dates should be added to Judge Caille's procedural schedule:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
June 15, 2000	NW Natural files class Cost of Service (COS) Study
June 16, 2000	NW Natural sends COS workpapers to parties
August 21, 2000	All parties file responsive testimony on COS, rate spread, and rate design; Parties agree to a five-day turn-around of responses to data requests
September 11, 2000	All parties file cross-responsive testimony on COS, rate spread, rate design

All other procedural dates adopted by Judge Caille at the March 8 prehearing conference are still valid.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you have questions.

Very truly yours,

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Susan K. Ackerman

cc: UG-000073 Service List