

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

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UG-080519
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	<i>(consolidated)</i>
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Complainant,)	
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v.)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET UG-080530
)	<i>(consolidated)</i>
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
For an Accounting Order Authorizing)	CONFERENCE
Deferred Accounting Treatment of)	(Set for June 13, 2008, at 9:30 a.m.)
Certain Costs Associated with the)	
Smart Energy Program.)	
.....)	

- 1 On March 21, 2008, Northwest Natural Gas Company (Northwest) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-6 in Docket UG-080519 to establish a Smart Energy Program, designated as Sixth Revision of Sheet ix, Original Sheet U.1 and Original Sheet U.2.

- 2 On March 24, 2008, Northwest filed with the Commission in Docket UG-080530 a petition seeking an Accounting Order authorizing the deferred treatment of certain costs associated with the Company’s Smart Energy Program.

- 3 On May 2, 2008, the Commission entered Order 01 in Docket UG-080519, suspending the tariff revisions and consolidating the matter with Docket UG-080530.

On May 2, 2008, the Commission also entered Order 01 in Docket UG-080530, setting the petition for hearing and consolidating the matter with Docket UG-080519.

4 **STATUTORY AUTHORITY:** The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under RCW Title 80, and has legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of natural gas companies. The statutes that apply to this matter include RCW 80.01, RCW 80.04, and RCW 80.28, including but not limited to RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04.020, RCW 80.28.030, RCW 80.28.070, RCW 80.28.090, and RCW 80.28.100. The rules that apply to this matter include those within WAC 480-90, relating to gas companies.

5 The Commission will hear this matter under the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), particularly Part IV of RCW 34.05 relating to adjudications. The provisions of the APA that relate to this proceeding include, but are not limited to RCW 34.05.413, RCW 34.05.422, RCW 34.05.431, RCW 34.05.434, RCW 34.05.440, RCW 34.05.449, and RCW 34.05.452. The Commission will also follow its procedural rules in WAC 480-07 in this proceeding.

6 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission will hold a prehearing conference in this matter at 9:30 a.m., on Friday, June 13, 2008, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.**

7 The purpose of the prehearing conference is to consider requests for intervention, resolve scheduling matters including establishing dates for distributing evidence and workpapers, to identify the issues in the proceeding and determine other matters to assist the Commission in resolving the proceeding, as listed in WAC 480-07-430.

8 **INTERVENTION:** Persons who wish to intervene should file a petition to intervene in writing at least three business days before the date of the prehearing conference. *See WAC 480-07-355(a)*. The Commission will consider oral petitions to intervene during the conference, but strongly prefers written petitions to intervene. Party representatives must file a notice of appearance with the Commission no later than the business day before the conference. *See WAC 480-07-345(2)*. If any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance, they should fill out the form attached to this notice and return it to the Commission. The Commission will set the time and place for any evidentiary hearings at the prehearing conference, on the record of a later conference or hearing session, or by later written notice.

9 **THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE that any party who fails to attend or participate in the prehearing conference set by this Notice, or any other stage of this proceeding, may be held in default under RCW 34.05.440. The Commission specifically invokes the sanction provisions of WAC 480-07-450 which allow the Commission to seek penalties for a party in default.**

10 The names and mailing addresses of all known parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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- 11 Administrative Law Judge Dennis J. Moss, from the Commission's Administrative Law Division, will preside during this proceeding.
- 12 The Attorney General has designated Sarah A. Shifley of the Office of the Public Counsel to represent the public. You may use the Commission's address, shown below, for contacting Public Counsel, or you may contact Public Counsel directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below.
- 13 The Commission will give parties notice of any other procedural phase of the proceeding in writing or on the record, as appropriate during this proceeding.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective May 14, 2008.

WASHINGTON STATE UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
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Hearing facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities. Smoking is prohibited. If limited English-speaking, hearing-impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

If you need an interpreter, or have other special needs, please fill out this form and return it to Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Carole J. Washburn, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (PLEASE SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket : _____

Case Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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Visual _____ Tactile _____

Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

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