1 BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION 2 COMMISSION ----) 3 WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND ) 5 TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, ) 6 Complaint, ) 7 ) DOCKET NO. UR-950619 vs. US ECOLOGY, INC., ) Volume 1 9 Respondent. ) Pages 1 - 28 \_\_\_\_\_) 10 11 A hearing in the above matter was held on June 21, 1995, at 9:30 a.m. at 2430 Chandler Court 12 13 Southwest, Olympia, Washington, before Administrative 14 Law Judge ALICE HAENLE and Heaing Examiner JOHN PRUSIA. 15 The parties were present as follow: 16 BONNEVILLE POWER ADMINISTRATION, by JAMES T. IRISH, Program Analyst, 3000 George Washington Way, Mail Drop 399, Richland, Washington 99352. 17 18 PORTLAND GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY, by JAY DUDLEY, Attorney at Law, 121 Southwest Salmon Street, 1WTC13, Portland, Oregon, 97204. 19 20 PRECISION CASTPARTS CORPORATION, by JAMES C. PAINE, Attorney at Law, Suite 2300, 900 Southwest Fifth 21 Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204-1268. PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, by MARK 22 A. DAVIDSON, Attorney at Law, 633 - 17th Street, Suite 2800, Denver, Colorado 80202. 23 24 Jennifer Hicok, CSR 25 Court Reporter

1	APPEARANCES (CONT.)
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4 5	US ECOLOGY, INC., by JAMES M. VanNOSTRAND, Attorney at Law, 411 - 108th Avenue Northeast, Suite 1800, Bellevue, Washington 98004.
6 7	WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM, by MELVIN N. HATCHER, Attorney at Law, Mail Drop 396, PO Box 968, Richland, Washington 99352.
8 9 10	WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION STAFF, by ANN RENDAHL, Assistant Attorney General, 1400 South Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Olympia, Washington 98504.
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- 1 PROCEEDINGS
- 2 JUDGE HAENLE: The hearing will come to
- 3 order.
- This is a hearing in Docket No. UR-950619,
- 5 which is the filing of US Ecology, Inc. This is a
- 6 prehearing conference that was set by a Notice of
- 7 Prehearing Conference dated June 14, 1995, it's taking
- 8 place on June 21, 1995, at Olympia, Washington. The
- 9 hearing is being held before Administrative Law Judge,
- 10 Alice L. Haenle, and Hearings Examiner, John Prusia,
- 11 P-r-u-s-i-a.
- 12 We had some discussion off the record. I
- 13 indicated we would take appearances first, we will take
- 14 motions and petitions to intervene, then we will go off
- 15 the record to discuss scheduling and the other issues.
- 16 One of the other issues we're going to
- 17 discuss is the status of a companion filing by US
- 18 Ecology, that is Docket No. UR-950620, isn't it?
- MS. RENDAHL: Yes.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Yes, 20, and we will be
- 21 discussing that as well.
- When you are petitioning to intervene, I
- 23 would appreciate if you would indicate if you are not
- 24 interested in both of those dockets. I will assume that
- 25 you're interested in both of them unless you tell me you

- 1 are not. Okay?
- 2 Let's begin with the company please,
- 3 Mr. VanNostrand.
- 4 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Thank you, Your Honor.
- 5 On behalf of the company, James M.
- 6 VanNostrand, and Kimberly Jones; 411 108th Avenue
- 7 Northeast, Bellevue, Washington 98004.
- 8 JUDGE HAENLE: Remember that we don't have
- 9 any microphones, you're going to need to speak loudly
- 10 enough to be sure that the reporter gets everything
- 11 down.
- 12 And for the Staff, please?
- MS. RENDAHL: Ann Rendahl, Assistant
- 14 Attorney General, representing Commissioned Staff.
- Do you want our addresses as well?
- JUDGE HAENLE: Yes, please.
- 17 MS. RENDAHL: 1400 South Evergreen Park
- 18 Drive Southwest, Olympia, Washington 98504.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- Is there anyone present from public counsel?
- 21 Has anyone heard whether public counsel is
- 22 planning to participate in this matter?
- Okay. What I will do is, after the hearing,
- 24 call them and ask. They are not required to file a
- 25 petition to intervene, so it's sometimes not clear. I

- 1 will put into the prehearing conference order whether
- 2 they indicate they will participate or not. You may
- 3 revise your distribution list accordingly once you get
- 4 that information. Until that point, assume they are
- 5 going to be part of the hearing. I will tell you in the
- 6 prehearing conference order if they are not going to, if
- 7 that process is all right with everybody. I don't know
- 8 any other way to do it, and that will save that
- 9 distribution if they are not.
- 10 Does anyone object to that process?
- 11 All right. No response. I will do it that
- 12 way.
- Then just let's go around the table and
- 14 begin with Mr. Dudley, I will need a full appearance
- 15 this morning please, including your name and your
- 16 client's name please, and would you indicate also
- 17 whether you are a signatory to the stipulation.
- Go ahead, Mr. Dudley.
- MR. DUDLEY: Yes, thank you. I'm Jay
- 20 Dudley. I represent Portland General Electric Company,
- 21 my address is 121 Southwest Salmon Street, 1WTC13,
- 22 that's Portland, Oregon 97204, and we have signed the
- 23 stipulation.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- 25 Sir? Oh, you don't -- that's right. I'm

- 1 sorry, you don't have to enter an appearance. I was
- 2 asking for counsel, my mistake.
- 3 MR. HATCHER: I think it's my turn. My name
- 4 is Melvin Hatcher. I'm with the Washington Public Power
- 5 Supply System, our mailing address is Mail Drop 396,
- 6 Post Office Box 968, Richland, Washington. We have
- 7 signed the proposed stipulation.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- 9 MR. DAVIDSON: Good morning, Your Honor.
- 10 Mark A. Davidson of LeBoeuf, Lamb, Greene & MacRae, 633
- 11 Seventeenth Street, Suite 2800, Denver, Colorado 80202,
- 12 appearance on behalf of the Public Service Company of
- 13 Colorado in this proceeding. Public Service Company
- 14 of Colorado is a signatory to this stipulation.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- 16 The BPA, is there -- you need to come up,
- 17 sir, to the table in order to enter your appearance,
- 18 and take a seat, because otherwise I will not remember
- 19 that you're part of all of this. Thank you.
- 20 MR. IRISH: Sorry. Good morning.
- 21 My name is James T. Irish. I represent
- 22 Bonneville Power Administration, Mail Drop 399, 3000
- 23 George Washington Way, Richland, Washington 99352; and
- 24 Bonneville is a signatory on the stipulation here.
- 25 JUDGE HAENLE: And what is your position

- 1 with Bonneville, Mr. Irish?
- 2 MR. IRISH: I'm the Program Analyst.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Will Bonneville be
- 4 represented by an attorney in the remainder of the
- 5 hearing or will you be doing all of the representing?
- 6 MR. IRISH: And/or.
- JUDGE HAENLE: If there is going to be an
- 8 attorney involved, we're going to need to know that
- 9 attorney's name and address. Do you have that today?
- 10 MR. IRISH: No, I do not.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Okay. Would you provide --
- MR. IRISH: I will supply that.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Let me finish. Will you
- 14 provide that by a letter to the Commission with copies
- 15 to all of the parties who are ultimately participants?
- MR. IRISH: Yes.
- 17 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- MR. PAINE: My name is James C. Paine, with
- 19 Stoel, Rives, Boley, Jones & Grey, Suite 2300, 900
- 20 Southwest Fifth Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97204,
- 21 appearing on behalf of Precision Castparts Corp.
- 22 Precision has not executed the proposed stipulation.
- JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 24 Sir?
- 25 MR. WILLIAMS: Richard Williams with Lane,

- 1 Powell, Spears, Lubersky, 520 Southwest Yamhill Street,
- 2 Suite 800, Portland, Oregon 97204. I'm representing
- 3 Teledyne Wah Chang. Teledyne Wah Chang has signed the
- 4 stipulation.
- 5 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- Now, was there anyone else in the hearing
- 7 room that represents someone who wants to be an
- 8 intervenor in this matter that has not spoken up yet?
- 9 All right.
- 10 The first order of business then will be the
- 11 petitions and motions to intervene. I asked you to
- 12 distribute those to each other this morning, some of you
- 13 sent them in before today, some of you brought them with
- 14 you, and we have one oral motion to intervene, as I
- 15 understand.
- I am going to suggest that everyone be
- 17 allowed the opportunity to make comments; because I have
- 18 to start at one end or the other, I don't want people to
- 19 be disadvantaged by which petitions are taken first in
- 20 the ability to comment. So I'm taking them in random
- 21 order.
- 22 Mr. Hatcher, your client has filed a
- 23 petition -- if you have not seen a copy of any of the
- 24 petitions that I ask about, you will need to indicate at
- 25 the time I talk about the petition, otherwise I will

- 1 assume you have seen it and read it.
- 2 Did you have anything to add to your
- 3 petition, Mr. Hatcher?
- 4 MR. HATCHER: Our petition is a standard
- 5 form petition. We are here primarily to support the
- 6 stipulation that we have, in fact, signed, and
- 7 participate in other matters that come before the
- 8 Commission as appropriate.
- JUDGE HAENLE: All right. Thank you.
- 10 Is there any objection to the participation
- 11 of the Supply System?
- 12 Hearing no response, then I will grant the
- 13 petition to intervene of the Washington Public Power
- 14 Supply System.
- 15 The next one I have is yours, Mr. Dudley.
- 16 Did you have anything to add to the petition?
- 17 MR. DUDLEY: No, except to say that we want
- 18 to participate fully in the proceedings, as Mr. Hatcher
- 19 indicated, including the consolidation of the accounting
- 20 order that is up for consideration here this morning as
- 21 well.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- Does anyone have an objection to the
- 24 participation of Portland General Electric in this
- 25 matter?

- 1 Hearing no response, then I will grant the
- 2 petition to intervene.
- The next one is yours, Mr. Davidson. Did
- 4 you have anything to add to it?
- 5 MR. DAVIDSON: I don't believe so, Your
- 6 Honor.
- 7 JUDGE HAENLE: And you were interested in
- 8 both of the dockets?
- 9 MR. DAVIDSON: Yes. Yes. Especially, if
- 10 they're consolidated and considered as one proceeding.
- 11 JUDGE HAENLE: We discussed, before we went
- 12 on the record, consolidation of that accounting
- 13 petition, we'll take that up as the next order of
- 14 business, but I had asked people to indicate whether
- 15 they were interested in both, and I appreciate you doing
- 16 that.
- 17 Any objection to the participation of Public
- 18 Service Company of Colorado?
- 19 Hearing no response, then I will grant the
- 20 petition to intervene.
- 21 The next one is yours, Mr. Williams. Did
- 22 you have anything to add to it?
- 23 MR. WILLIAMS: No, except that I would like
- 24 it to be considered as also a petition to intervene in
- 25 Docket No. UR-950620, petition for the accounting

- 1 order.
- JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 3 Any objection to the participation of
- 4 Teledyne Wah Chang?
- 5 Hearing no response, then that petition will
- 6 be granted.
- 7 And the last written petition I have is your
- 8 client, Mr. Paine. Did you have anything to add to
- 9 this?
- 10 MR. PAINE: Nothing, other than what
- 11 Mr. Williams has indicated, Precision is interested in
- 12 the accounting order and asks for leave to intervene in
- 13 that docket as well.
- 14 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 15 Any objection to the participation of
- 16 Precision Castparts?
- 17 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Your Honor, we don't have
- 18 a copy of that.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Let's go off the record to
- 20 allow Mr. VanNostrand to look at that.
- 21 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE HAENLE: Let's be back on the record.
- 23 During the time we were off the record
- 24 Mr. VanNostrand looked at a copy of the petition.
- 25 Did you have any objection to the

- 1 participation now that you have read the copy,
- 2 Mr. VanNostrand?
- 3 MR. VanNOSTRAND: No, Your Honor, everything
- 4 seems to be in order.
- 5 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 6 Any objection to the petition now?
- 7 All right. I will grant the petition of
- 8 Precision Castparts.
- Now, you were going to make an oral motion
- 10 to intervene in this matter, Mr. Irish. You indicated
- 11 in your appearance what your name was, your position and
- 12 your company's name, I need to have you indicate what
- 13 your interest is in this. Describe just briefly what
- 14 your interest is in this matter, including whether or
- 15 not you signed the stipulation, just as a piece of that.
- Go ahead, sir.
- 17 MR. IRISH: Bonneville Power Administration
- 18 has been actively involved in the collaborative
- 19 proceedings and I am representing as a signatory on the
- 20 stipulation agreement.
- 21 Bonneville has 30 percent financial interest
- 22 in Trojan operated -- owed and operated by Portland
- 23 General Electric, and 100 percent of the financial
- 24 interest in the Washington Power Supply System,
- 25 operation of Plant No. 2. It is deemed -- has been

- 1 deemed by our company that it is in Bonneville's best
- 2 interest, as far as rate settings, et cetera, to be
- 3 totally involved and actively involved along with their
- 4 proponents in this prehearing process and in this
- 5 hearing process.
- 6 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 7 Is there any objection to the participation
- 8 of the Bonneville Power Administration in this manner?
- 9 Hearing no response, then I'll grant that
- 10 oral motion to intervene.
- 11 MR. IRISH: Thank you.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Now, is there anyone else
- 13 that needed to move to intervene?
- I hear no response.
- I am going to assume that you who are here
- 16 today are the contact persons for your entity. That
- 17 means that you who are here today distribute things to
- 18 each other to the single contact person. I don't want
- 19 to have more than one official contact person per entity
- 20 so that people can know that they have distributed
- 21 properly when they send to the one.
- Mr. Irish, you would be the only one that I
- 23 would wonder about. Are you going to be the official
- 24 contact person?
- MR. IRISH: Yes, I am.

- 1 JUDGE HAENLE: All right. Good. And I will
- 2 assume that those of you who gave appearances will be
- 3 the official contact person.
- 4 For the company, it is Mr. VanNostrand?
- 5 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Yes, Your Honor.
- 6 JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 7 So you will have fulfilled your
- 8 responsibility if you serve that single person. You can
- 9 make side arrangements to your heart's content about
- 10 distributing otherwise, but the single contact person
- 11 officially is the one that has given the appearance
- 12 today.
- 13 All right. That was the tough part. Why
- 14 don't we talk about the consolidation of the two dockets
- 15 first before we go off the record so that we know what
- 16 we are scheduling for.
- 17 In the meantime, also, I have sent around a
- 18 list for you to write down your name and fax number so
- 19 that the Commission will have those in case something
- 20 needs to be sent quickly. If your address or your fax
- 21 number changes during the course of this proceeding,
- 22 please be sure you notify the Commission by letter with
- 23 copies to all of the other parties.
- Yes, Mr. Irish?
- 25 MR. IRISH: Your Honor, I didn't indicate,

- 1 but I am interested in both dockets 19 and 20, please.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you for that
- 3 clarification.
- 4 When the materials came in, Docket
- 5 No. UR-950619 was given a docket number separate from
- 6 the accounting petition that was filed, I believe, on
- 7 the same date; is that right, Mr. VanNostrand?
- 8 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Yes, Your Honor.
- 9 JUDGE HAENLE: That accounting petition,
- 10 it's entitled, Petition for Accounting Order, the
- 11 heading is, Petition of US Ecology, Inc. for an Order
- 12 Regarding the Accounting Treatment of the Benton County
- 13 Property Tax Liability; that was given No. 950620, and
- 14 it was not included on the notice of hearing today.
- 15 Now, it seems to me that the company anticipated that
- 16 this would be heard at the same time, since one of their
- 17 witnesses has that accounting order as an exhibit, a
- 18 prefiled exhibit, and I don't recall that it's his or
- 19 her prefile testimony. It seemed to me today that if
- 20 someone wanted to make an oral motion for consolidation
- 21 of these two, that that would be appropriate, and then
- 22 we can take comments about whether anyone objects to
- 23 that process.
- 24 Do you want to do that, Mr. VanNostrand?
- MR. VanNOSTRAND: Sure, Your Honor.

- 1 JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- 2 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Pursuant to WAC 480-09-610
- 3 it appears that the facts or principles of law in the
- 4 petition for accounting order are related to the issues,
- 5 the facts or principles of law in the general rate
- 6 problem, and the company would move to consolidate the
- 7 proceeding in accordance to that relation.
- JUDGE HAENLE: All right.
- 9 Does anyone have any comment on that motion
- 10 to consolidate, pro or con?
- 11 What I want to be sure is that there is no
- 12 challenge later on to the notice for this prehearing
- 13 conference, because there was not a notice of hearing
- 14 issued separately listing that docket number for the
- 15 accounting petition. I want to be sure that no one was
- 16 caught unawares.
- 17 Any comments?
- 18 MS. RENDAHL: Your Honor, Staff would
- 19 support the motion to consolidate, and waives any
- 20 objection to notice not being provided for this
- 21 prehearing.
- JUDGE HAENLE: Thank you.
- Now, I will assume then from your silence
- 24 that everyone waives any challenge you might have if
- 25 there is a procedural defect in failing to do a notice

- 1 of hearing that includes the docket number that is the
- 2 accounting petition. That is, that all of you were
- 3 anticipating, I expect, that we would take the
- 4 accounting petition today -- I mean, begin the process
- 5 for the accounting petition today and hear that at the
- 6 same time as the other filing.
- 7 I hear no one saying that they don't agree
- 8 with that, so I appreciate your cooperation.
- 9 Well, my suggestion is now that we go off
- 10 the record to discuss scheduling, discovery, exhibits,
- 11 that kind of thing, we come back on the record once we
- 12 have got something to describe to the record.
- I told you before we went on the record also
- 14 that it is my intention to be sure that everyone has the
- 15 opportunity to put into the official record any
- 16 statements they need to make. By going off the record
- 17 what I want to do is try to work the bugs out, try to
- 18 have a free discussion, and then go back on the record
- 19 and recite what we did while we were off the record. So
- 20 we may need to do it in a couple of different stages.
- 21 Be sure, if there is something you feel that
- 22 is important to put on the record to preserve your
- 23 client's position, that you indicate to me that you need
- 24 to do that when we're on that section of it. I don't
- 25 want to preclude anyone from making their comments.

- 1 Let's go off the record for the discussion.
- 2 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE HAENLE: Let's be back on the record.
- 4 It was pointed out to me that I hadn't ruled
- 5 on the motion to consolidate. I will grant the motion
- 6 to consolidate, and that indication will be in the
- 7 prehearing conference order that I have granted the
- 8 motion of Mr. VanNostrand's oral motion to consolidate.
- 9 I will change the heading on the documents from now on.
- 10 When you include that, please include also the heading
- 11 for the accounting petition, which is the one that I
- 12 just read, Docket No. UR-950620 so that everything from
- 13 now on will reflect both of those docket numbers which
- 14 are involved.
- Thank you, Mr. Davidson.
- 16 Let's go off the record for the discussion.
- 17 (Discussion off the record.)
- JUDGE HAENLE: Let's go back on the record.
- 19 During the time we were off the record we
- 20 primarily discussed scheduling.
- 21 I indicated that we needed to work backward
- 22 from the brief due date of September 30 -- I'm sorry,
- 23 it's now October 31 was the brief due date that we were
- 24 working back from. So in doing that, I think that we
- 25 have an agreement by all of the parties to the various

- 1 steps in the scheduling that we did. Because the
- 2 stipulation provides that if the Commission fails to act
- 3 by two weeks prior to the prefiling date of the Staff
- 4 and intervenors that the stipulation would fail. The
- 5 Commission has indicated it will set a hearing on the
- 6 stipulation.
- 7 Prior to that time, then we set a prefiling
- 8 date for some additional materials, and we have set two
- 9 other hearings pieces, I guess, but some of them are
- 10 multiple dates. So we have a hearing on the
- 11 stipulation, which we have set for July 13 and 14, July
- 12 13 primarily and July 14 if we need it.
- We have set the opportunity for public
- 14 comment on the stipulation be noticed for 1:30 on July
- 15 13, so that if anyone who is a non-party wants to
- 16 comment on the stipulation, they would have a specific
- 17 time to be able to do that.
- We have set hearings for the taking of
- 19 company direct and cross on August 15 and 16. We have
- 20 set a hearing for cross of all remaining material, which
- 21 is the direct, cross and rebuttal, I guess, then of
- 22 Staff and intervenors, and the direct and cross of
- 23 company rebuttal for October 9 through 11.
- 24 All of those hearings will take place in
- 25 Olympia at the Commission's hearing room, and there will

- 1 be hearing notices issued on them.
- Now, in connection with those hearing dates
- 3 then we also set a scheduling of prefiling dates as
- 4 follows. We have set the date of July 7 for the receipt
- 5 of several things. The company has prefiled testimony
- 6 and exhibits, we have asked the company to excerpt from
- 7 that prefiled testimony and exhibits the portions that
- 8 pertain to the stipulation and to file those separately
- 9 so that we know specifically which pieces those are.
- 10 The second item is the signed stipulation will be due at
- 11 the Commission and copies to the parties. The third
- 12 piece is the prefiling as an exhibit any data that was
- 13 derived from data that the collaborative considered, and
- 14 a brief statement of position from nonsignatories, and a
- 15 list of witnesses from everybody that they intend to
- 16 present for the hearing on the stipulation. The idea of
- 17 the prefiling as an exhibit of any derivative data was
- 18 to allow counsel to intelligently cross-examine on
- 19 numbers they might not have seen before. We are trying
- 20 to prevent any surprise, but we didn't feel that there
- 21 was a need to prefile all testimony and exhibits
- 22 entirely.
- 23 So please keep in mind our goal, and that is
- 24 to let everyone know what you have got and what your
- 25 witness is going to testify about so that there won't be

- 1 any surprises.
- We have the hearing on the stipulation, and
- 3 then I asked the company hypothetically, if the
- 4 Commission rejected the stipulation, would the company
- 5 want to prefile additional testimony and exhibits in
- 6 support of its position. I believe you indicated you
- 7 did not know whether you would or not but wanted to have
- 8 a date set to reserve that; is that correct,
- 9 Mr. VanNostrand?
- 10 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Yes, Your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE HAENLE: That date we have set is
- 12 July 28. Then the company cross on August 15 and 16,
- 13 prefiling of Staff and intervenor, direct testimony and
- 14 exhibits, September 1; prefiling of all parties in
- 15 rebuttal to all other parties, September 22; cross of
- 16 all of the rest of the material then that's been
- 17 prefiled, October 9 through 11; and simultaneous briefs
- 18 due October 31.
- I don't really believe we have got time for
- 20 any reply briefs, and hopefully if you have all filed
- 21 rebuttal to each other, reply briefs won't be necessary
- 22 in any case.
- We agreed that all of these prefiling dates
- 24 were receipt dates. That is, that the item to be
- 25 prefiled must be received in the Commission's offices

- 1 and logged before 5:00 on the day specified, and you
- 2 also need to make arrangements for those documents to be
- 3 received by other counsel also on that date, either by
- 4 overnighting it or by mailing it a couple of days in
- 5 advance. In any case, that is a receipt date, not a
- 6 mailing date.
- 7 I indicated also that if counsel wanted to
- 8 bring with them to the hearing on the stipulation on
- 9 July 13, if you wanted to bring with you a memorandum
- 10 regarding the effect of a stipulation that is not signed
- 11 by all of the parties, as we have here, assuming it is
- 12 still not signed by all of the parties then, then you
- 13 may bring that with you to the hearing on July 13.
- Now, did I leave out anything we discussed
- 15 while we were off the record?
- 16 Did I misstate anything?
- 17 Is there anything that we need to add
- 18 regarding the things that we have discussed off the
- 19 record before we go on with the other things?
- 20 Anyone?
- 21 All right. Thank you.
- Let's go off the record then and discuss the
- 23 remaining items for the prehearing conference.
- 24 (Discussion off the record.)
- 25 JUDGE HAENLE: Let's be back on the record.

- 1 During the time we were off the record we
- 2 discussed a number of other prehearing conference type
- 3 issues.
- 4 I asked the parties whether they had agreed
- 5 to resolution of any of the issues to attempt to narrow
- 6 the issues, and they referred me to the stipulation and
- 7 had indicated earlier that they were still talking about
- 8 the stipulation and the nonsignatory parties. So I
- 9 guess we won't pursue that any further today.
- 10 I had asked before we went on the record and
- 11 wanted to bring up again formally that Mr. Prusia is
- 12 from Regulatory Affairs. The Commission will, effective
- 13 the 24th of July, be taking the hearing function back
- 14 into the Commission itself, rather than using Office of
- 15 Administrative Hearings. I asked Mr. Prusia to sit in
- 16 today, and someone from Regulatory Affairs will be
- 17 sitting with the Commissioners on the remainder of the
- 18 hearing. I wanted to be sure that that would not be a
- 19 basis for challenge by any of the parties later on,
- 20 although it's a little bit early before the transition
- 21 from the Office of Administrative Hearings. I don't
- 22 think there is a problem, as long as the Commissioners
- 23 are sitting with someone from Regulatory Affairs,
- 24 sitting in and presiding at the hearing.
- 25 One of my primary concerns was to be sure

- 1 that you have the same person all the way through, or
- 2 have some continuity, rather than changing people in
- 3 midstream when the Office of Administrative Hearings
- 4 ceases to exist. I asked the parties if they would
- 5 agree to waive any challenge they might have to that
- 6 procedurally, I believe everyone agreed before we went
- 7 on the record.
- 8 Does anyone have a problem with that?
- 9 Hearing no response, I appreciate your
- 10 courtesy.
- We discussed a number of discovery issues.
- 12 The parties agreed to shorten the response time for
- 13 responses to data requests to five working days after
- 14 September 1; down from the usual ten working days.
- 15 The parties have agreed that the Commission
- 16 should invoke the rule relating to methods for obtaining
- 17 data in adjudicative proceedings, which is WAC
- 18 480-09-480, and I think that is appropriate, so I will
- 19 invoke that.
- 20 I asked if the parties were going to request
- 21 a protective order, and I believe the parties agreed a
- 22 protective order was appropriate. I indicated that the
- 23 Commission will then issue a protective order in the
- 24 usual format, and I passed a copy of the usual format
- 25 around for everyone to look at. I'll ask them to get it

- 1 out as soon as possible; but in the meantime, if the
- 2 parties want to agree to act as if they are already
- 3 bound by a protective order in order to facilitate
- 4 discovery, they're welcome to do that.
- 5 I believe all of the parties indicate they
- 6 wanted to do that; is that correct? Was there anyone
- 7 who didn't want to do that?
- And is the company able to the comply,
- 9 Mr. VanNostrand?
- 10 MR. VanNOSTRAND: Yes.
- JUDGE HAENLE: All right. Please remember
- 12 that it starts immediately, and you need to remember to
- 13 send in the form that will need to be attached to the
- 14 back of the protective order to cover your attorneys
- 15 and/or experts.
- 16 We talked briefly about the procedures for
- 17 distribution of protective materials, both in discovery
- 18 and as prefiled documents. Remember that that needs to
- 19 be segregated. Do not distribute anything that is
- 20 protected material to anyone who has not signed the
- 21 protective order.
- I also indicated that responses to discovery
- 23 requests must be sent directly to Ms. Rendahl, do not
- 24 send those through the Commission secretary; but all
- 25 other prefiled materials and case-related correspondence

- 1 needs to be filed through the Commission secretary. If
- 2 the Commission secretary has not logged it in, it is not
- 3 filed under the Commission's rules, so remember please.
- 4 The Commission is asking people to use the
- 5 Post Office Box address, not the street address, for
- 6 sending things in because of the campus mail. The
- 7 address is PO Box 47250, Olympia, Washington
- 8 98504-7250.
- 9 Prefiled materials, you need to send an
- 10 original plus 19 copies, please; and if you would send
- 11 a courtesy copy to Mr. Prusia at Regulatory Affairs.
- 12 I understand that the rules say now to the
- 13 Administrative Law Judge, but send it to Mr. Prusia
- 14 please, and Mr. Prusia has asked that you not send
- 15 confidential material in that packet.
- 16 Did I miss anything then, Mr. Prusia?
- 17 MR. PRUSIA: That, I think. I'm not sure
- 18 that you got this on the record.
- 19 JUDGE HAENLE: All right. Now, is there
- 20 anything that we discussed off the record this last time
- 21 that we need to talk about that we haven't?
- MR. DAVIDSON: Could get Mr. Prusia's
- 23 office?
- 24 JUDGE HAENLE: Send it to the Commission's
- 25 address, the same Post Office Box.

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               MR. DAVIDSON: Oh, the same one?
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                JUDGE HAENLE: It's John Prusia, Regulatory
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   Affairs Section.
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                MR. DAVIDSON: Okay.
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                JUDGE HAENLE: Prusia is P-r-u-s-i-a for
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    that courtesy copy.
                Now, is there anything else that we covered
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    that we need to talk about? Anyone?
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                All right. I will adjourn the prehearing
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   conference then. The next time we meet will be for the
   hearing on the stipulation July 13, remember those
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   prefiling dates, and thank you all.
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                (Hearing recessed at 11:45 a.m.)
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