

May 17, 2004

NOTICE OF SUSPENSION OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON SETTLEMENT

(Set for Thursday, June 10, 2004, 10:00 a.m.)

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company, Docket No. UG-031885

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On May 14, 2004, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NWN), Commission Staff, Public Counsel, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and Citizens' Utility Alliance of Washington (collectively, the Parties) filed a proposed settlement agreement with the Commission that would resolve all issues in dispute in this docket. In light of the proposed settlement agreement, it is appropriate to suspend the procedural schedule in order for the Commission to consider the settlement agreement.

The Commission will convene a hearing for purposes of exploring the terms and conditions of the proposed settlement, and to determine whether the result of the proposed settlement is consistent with the public interest.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE That the Commission will convene a hearing on the parties' proposed settlement agreement beginning at 10:00 a.m., June 10, 2004, in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ
Administrative Law Judge