March 22, 2004

NOTICE CLARIFYING STATUS OF PROCEEDING

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Cougar Ridge Water System, Docket No. UW-040367

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On March 1, 2004, the Commission entered an order initiating a special proceeding in this case to determine whether or not Cougar Ridge Water System is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. The Commission also initiated an investigation into the company's rates and charges. The Commission established March 25, 2004 as the date for a prehearing conference in this proceeding.

On March 19, 2004, the Cougar Ridge Waster System requested clarification as to whether the Commissioners would preside over this matter, or whether an Administrative Law Judge would serve alone as presiding officer.

This is to clarify that the undersigned Administrative Law Judge will preside alone in this matter. The Commissioners will not preside.

THEODORA M. MACE Administrative Law Judge