

September 14, 2005

**NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT HEARING PROCESS
(Set for Thursday, October 6, 2005, 6:00 p.m.)**

Re: WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy
Docket No. UE-050870

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On August 30, 2005, Puget Sound Energy, Commission Staff, Public Counsel, and Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities filed a Settlement Agreement that would resolve all of the issues in the proceeding. The proposed settlement is uncontested. The Commission will convene a hearing on the proposed settlement to determine whether the settlement is in the public interest in conjunction with the public comment hearing previously scheduled by Notice for October 6, 2005. The settlement hearing will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed by comment from members of the public.

The process for the settlement hearing will be as follows. The Commission will receive the previously filed testimony and exhibits into the record, as stipulated by the parties. The parties will make brief presentations on the Settlement Agreement, to be followed by questions from the Commission. Each party to the Settlement Agreement must provide at least one witness who will respond to questions from the Bench.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a hearing on the proposed settlement in this proceeding will be held in Olympia on Thursday, October 6, 2005, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The Commission will begin taking comments from the public immediately following the hearing on the settlement.

Sincerely,

KAREN CAILLÉ
Administrative Law Judge