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**VIA RECORDS CENTER WEB PORTAL**

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
1300 South Evergreen Park Drive SW  
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Re: Docket No. A-050802 – Procedural Rules

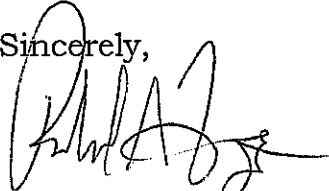
Dear Ms. Washburn:

At the November 10, 2005, workshop in this docket, there were many references to the Oregon rules regarding settlement. As a result, I thought it would be helpful to include a copy of the rule from Oregon so that reference can be had to its precise language. The rule is OAR 860-014-0085, copy attached.

In my view, the Oregon rule is not nearly as limiting as the rule proposed by Public Counsel and others under WAC 480-07-730. Further, the evidentiary proceedings are discretionary, not mandatory, as suggested by proposed WAC 480-07-740.

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In any event, the Oregon rule is there for your review.

Sincerely,  
  
RICHARD A. FINNIGAN

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Enclosure

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