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Mr. Steve McLellan, Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Dear Mr. McLellan:

Pursuant to the Fourth Supplemental Order in Docket No. UG-920840, Washington Natural Gas Company files herewith three copies of the following proposed revisions to its WN U-2 tariff:

13th Revision Sheet No. 171, Cancelling 12th Revision Sheet No. 171
Original Sheet No. 171-A

In Docket No. UG-920840, the Commission approved annual increases to certain residential water heater rental rates. The next approved increases are to become effective on October 1, 1995. The amounts of the annual increases are stated on the currently effective tariff Sheet No. 171: \$0.60 for standard model water heaters, \$1.00 for conservation model water heaters, \$1.25 for direct vent water heaters, and \$1.10 for high recovery model water heaters.

The 13th Revision of Sheet No. 171 incorporates these increases into the rates stated in the tariff. This filing also contains other format revisions for clarity which do not affect the rental service.

Enclosed with this filing is a copy of the notice to the public being provided today to all paystations where Washington Natural Gas Company customers pay their bills. A bill insert, similar to those developed in concert with Commission Staff at the time of the prior increases is also enclosed. The bill insert is being sent to all affected customers beginning with cycle 1 of the September billing period.

Yours very truly,

Ronald J. Amen
Director, Rates and Special Studies

Enclosures

WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY
SCHEDULE NO. 71
Residential Water Heater Rental Service

Section 1: Availability; Closed to Some New Accounts

(C)

- 1. Throughout territory served, at the option of the company, for residential use in single- or multiple-dwelling units where the customer qualifies for and has entered into an agreement with the company for the rental of water heater(s) owned and maintained by the company. (C)
(D)(T)
- 2. Rental service is restricted for all models of water heaters with energy factors less than .60 as indicated in Section 3 below. (N)
(N)

Section 2: General Rules and Regulations

(C)

Service under this schedule is subject to the rules and regulations contained in company's tariff.

Section 3: Rates

(C)

- 1. Monthly rental charge for water heaters of not over fifty-five gallon storage capacity or 60,000 Btu input: (C)
 - a. Standard Models \$3.80* (C)(I)
 - b. Conservation Models \$6.00** (C)(I)
 - c. Direct Vent Models \$8.90** (C)(I)
 - d. High Recovery Models \$8.00** (C)(I)
 - e. High Efficiency Standard (Energy Factor $\geq .60$)¹ \$4.00 (C)
 - f. High Efficiency Direct Vent (Energy Factor $\geq .60$)¹ \$6.95 (C)

¹ As listed in the current Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association publication, "Consumers' Directory of Certified Energy Ratings."

* Limited to those existing installations where tank is owned and maintained by the company and was being served under this schedule as of May 21, 1986.

** Limited to those existing installations where tank is owned and maintained by the company and was being served under this schedule as of October 9, 1993.

(K)

(Continued on Sheet No. 171-A)

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Residential Water Heater Rental Service

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2. The rates for the following models shall be increased on October 1, 1996, and October 1, 1997 by the following amounts:

(D)
(M)(D)

- a. Standard Models an increase of \$0.60
- b. Conservation Models an increase of \$1.00
- c. Direct Vent Models an increase of \$1.25
- d. High Recovery Models an increase of \$1.10

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3. The rates named herein are subject to subsequent tariff revisions and to additions as set forth in Schedule No. 1.

(C)

Section 4: Payment

(C)

The rental charge shall be billed as such and payable monthly in accordance with the company's regular billing schedule for gas service.

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Section 2: General Rules and Regulations (C)

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**NOTICE OF FILING WITH THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION
AT OLYMPIA
REVISIONS TO WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY TARIFF
TO BECOME EFFECTIVE WITH ALL SERVICE ON AND AFTER OCTOBER 1, 1995**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

In compliance with the Fourth Supplemental Order in Docket No. UG-920840, Washington Natural Gas Company has filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission a revision to its WN U-2 Tariff as follows:

<u>Rate Schedule</u>		
<u>No.</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Tariff Sheet</u>
171	Residential Water Heater Rental Service	13th Rev. Sheet No. 171
171	Residential Water Heater Rental Service	Original Sheet No. 171-A

In the Order cited above, the Commission approved certain increases to the monthly residential water heater rental charges on Washington Natural Gas Company's Rate Schedule No. 71. The increases are to occur on October 1 of 1995, 1996, and 1997. The rate increase amounts are:

Standard Model Residential Water Heaters	\$0.60
Conservation Model Residential Water Heaters	\$1.00
Direct Vent Residential Water Heaters	\$1.25
High Recovery Residential Water Heaters	\$1.10

The filed revision incorporates the October 1, 1995, increases into the rates stated on the schedule and removes the reference to October 1, 1994, from the paragraph specifying the times and amounts of approved increases. By this incorporation, the stated effective rental rates become:

Standard Model Residential Water Heaters	\$3.80
Conservation Model Residential Water Heaters	\$6.00
Direct Vent Residential Water Heaters	\$8.90
High Recovery Residential Water Heaters	\$8.00

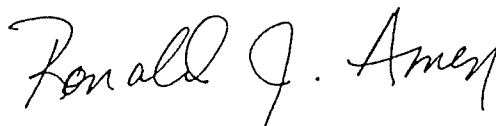
Certain other minor language changes, not affecting the rate or service, have been made for clarity.

Copies of the proposed rate schedule revision are on file at company offices at any of the following locations: 815 Mercer Street, Seattle, Washington; 319 South Third Street, Renton, Washington; 805 156th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, Washington; 1122 75th Street S.W., Everett, Washington; 3130 South 38th Street, Tacoma, Washington; 1400 W. Main Street, Auburn, Washington; and 3120 Martin Way, Olympia, Washington.

The company's filing, along with a complete copy of the company's rules and regulations and rate schedules currently in effect, is subject to the inspection of and may be examined by any member of the public during business hours, on request, at the above offices.

This notice shall remain posted until October 1, 1995

Dated this 31st day of August, 1995



Ronald J. Amen
Director, Rates and Special Studies
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY

**Notice to Residential Gas Water
Heater Rental Customers:
Your Rental Rates Will Go Up
October 1, 1995**

Effective October 1, 1995, the rental rates on Washington Natural Gas residential water heaters leased *prior* to October 9, 1993, will go up.

The increase follows an annual schedule of increases for rented gas water heaters that has been in effect since October 1993. The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission has approved uniform rental increases, effective each October through 1997.

These incremental increases reflect more closely what it costs to provide the rented water heater service. Prior to 1993, the rental rates had not increased since 1985, and did not cover the cost of servicing or replacing water heaters.

**Monthly Rental Rates for Residential Water Heaters
Effective October 1, 1995**

<u>Model</u>	<u>Amount of Monthly Increase</u>	<u>New Monthly Rate</u>
Standard	\$.60	\$3.80
Conservationist	\$1.00	\$6.00
High Recovery	\$1.10	\$8.00
Direct Vent	\$1.25	\$8.90

Please note that the increased rate is subject to your local municipal tax.

This rate increase *does not* apply to high-efficiency water heaters with lease agreements dated on or after October 9, 1993.

For more information please call:
464-1999 from the Greater Seattle local calling region, or call
1-800-999-4964 from Everett, from North Bend and in Pierce, Thurston and Lewis counties.