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RE: Docket No. UG-920840 - Residential Water Heater Rental Service
Withdrawal of Petition for Rehearing of Fourth Supplemental Order

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If you have any questions regarding this filing, please contact me at (425) 456-2797.

Very truly yours,

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