

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In re the Petition of

WILLIAM L. STUTH and AQUA TEST,
INC.

For a Declaratory Order Designating a
Public Service Company

DOCKET NO. A-050528

RESPONSE TO STUTH AND
AQUA TEST'S OBJECTION TO
AND REQUEST TO
AMEND/CLARIFY PROVISIONS
OF PREHEARING
CONFERENCE ORDER

1 This pleading responds to Stuth and Aqua Test's Objection to and Request to Amend/Clarify Provisions of Prehearing Conference Order. Staff believes that the prehearing conference order is consistent with the petition. However, to the extent the companies are concerned that the term "operator" does not adequately encompass the activities described in the petition, Staff does not object to clarification. Staff would also like to inform the presiding officer that the companies and Staff are working on a stipulation to further simplify the facts and issues in this proceeding.

DATED this 9th day of December, 2005.

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