

February 24, 2010

**NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF PETITION FOR DECLARATORY RULING
AND OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT COMMENTS
(By Friday, March 5, 2010)**

RE: *WUTC v. NW Natural Gas Company – General Rate Case*
Docket UG-080546

TO ALL PARTIES AND INTERESTED PERSONS:

On February 19, 2010, NW Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) a Petition for a Declaratory Ruling on Final Order in the above-noted docket. Specifically, NW Natural petitions for a declaratory ruling on the following language in Order 04 entered on December 26, 2008:

The stipulation anticipates that NW Natural will rely on the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) to deliver the Company's energy efficiency programs in Washington, initial through a *one year* pilot program. (emphasis added)

A copy of NW Natural's petition is posted on the Commission's web site at www.utc.wa.gov/080546.

Pursuant to RCW 34.05.240 and WAC 480-07-930, the Commission gives notice of this petition to all persons required by law and such other persons as deemed appropriate. Within thirty days of receiving the petition, the Commission must either enter a declaratory order; notify the petitioner that no order will be entered; set a time by which the Commission will enter an order; or set time for a hearing. The Commission also by this notice invites interested persons to submit comments on the petition, or in the alternative, the Commission is interested in receiving comments on whether the Commission should treat NW Natural's petition as a motion to amend Order 04, as though it had been filed under the authority of WAC 480-07-875(1).

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission requests written comments to NW Natural's Petition for a Declaratory Ruling on Final Order, or in the alternative, whether the petition should be considered a Motion to Amend Order 04, such comments to be filed no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, March 5, 2010.

Procedural questions regarding this matter may be addressed to Adam E. Torem, Administrative Law Judge, at (360) 664-1138.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER
Executive Director and Secretary