

- 6 Since the prehearing conference, Olympic has agreed to waive the suspension date for its tariff revisions for an additional month, until September 1, 2002, if the Commission finds the time necessary to the performance of its functions. The Commission has reviewed the integration of the schedule of this matter with the schedules of other significant matters that are pending before the Commission. That review has resulted in minor changes from the dates discussed at the conference.
- 7 The Commission is concerned, because of the Company's professions of need, that it respond promptly to review the Company's presentation so any needed rate increase may become effective (or so any refunds or temporary rates to customers may be begun) as quickly as possible. The Commission is also concerned that it have the best record and the best argument from parties that is possible within the time and scheduling constraints that apply. Two of the parties have specifically requested the opportunity to present post-hearing briefs.
- 8 Considering these factors, the Commission establishes this schedule as the best balance of relevant factors that it can achieve within the limitations that exist.

Filing of parties' requested order of witnesses	June 3, 2002
Filing of dispositive motions, if any	June 6, 2002
Filing of Company rebuttal	June 11, 2002, by noon
Answers to dispositive motions, if any	June 13, 2002
Filing of memorandum/outline of presentation	June 13, 2002
Argument on dispositive motions	To be scheduled, if needed
Administrative prehearing conference for marking exhibits, hearing objections to prefiled evidence, and other issues relating to conduct of the hearing	June 13, 2002 at 1:30 p.m.
Hearing begins	June 18, 2002 at 9:30 a.m.
Simultaneous briefs	July 26, 2002
Suspension date	September 1, 2002

The hearing room is reserved for sessions on June 18, 19, 20 and the morning of June 21, and on June 25 through 28, subject to the Commission's open meeting on June 26. We do not anticipate that the hearings will convene on Monday, June 17, or on

Monday, June 24, on the afternoon of Friday, June 21 although those times may be available for administrative matters. Hearing time on July 1 and 2, 2002, may be available if needed.

- 9 **Prehearing memoranda.** At the conference, parties agreed that very brief prehearing memoranda would be helpful to the Commission if the Commission did not request full prehearing briefing. The schedule does include provision for such memoranda. The Commission asks that they be brief; that each memorandum present a brief outline of the party's case, and that it identify how each of the party's witnesses will support its presentation.
- 10 **Outline of briefs.** The schedule calls for simultaneous briefs. It is essential, for simultaneous briefs to be effective, that they follow parallel tracks. Otherwise, the Commission may have no means to compare parties' positions and arguments on a like basis. Therefore, we ask each party to present a proposed outline with its prehearing memorandum. In the absence of parties' agreement on the order of presentation of the issues we will schedule time on Friday afternoon, June 21, or on Monday, June 24, for discussion. Please note that we will aim toward a neutral statement of each issue, as the outline is intended to be a common order of presentation rather than a tool of argument. It is not necessary that all parties concur that an issue exists; if one party wishes to address a matter it may do so and the issue should be in the outline.
- 11 **NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (June 13, 2002).** All Parties Please Take Notice That the Commission will convene a prehearing conference on Thursday, June 13, 2002, beginning at 1:30 p.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.
- 12 **NOTICE OF HEARING (June 18, 2002).** All Parties Please Take Notice That the Commission will convene a hearing in this docket on June 18, 2002, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington.
- 13 **Further conferences.** Further conferences may be convened as needed.

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 29th day of April, 2001.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge

NOTICE TO PARTIES: Any objection to the provisions of this Order must be filed within ten (10) days after the date of mailing of this statement, pursuant to WAC 480-09-460(2). Absent such objections, this prehearing conference order will control further proceedings in this matter, subject to Commission review