Agenda Date: Item Number:	October 10, 2007 (Item will be heard at 2:30 pm)
<b>Docket:</b> Company:	UG-071977 NW Gas Association Avista Utilities Cascade Natural Gas Northwest Natural Gas Puget Sound Energy
Staff:	Doug Kilpatrick, Senior Engineer

## **Topic:**

Special presentation by the NW Gas Association and regulated natural gas local distribution companies (LDCs) on the regional natural gas outlook for the upcoming winter season.

## **Background:**

Over the past several years the Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) has invited the LDCs and other players in the natural gas market to provide information on the supply and pricing outlook for the coming heating season. The last time such a presentation was made before the Commission was in Docket No. UG-061405. Prior to that, similar meetings were also arranged by Commission Staff in Dockets No. UG-051453 and UG-030936.

Similar to those events, this presentation will include information provided by:

- Dan Kirshner, Executive Director of the NW Gas Association
- Kevin Christie, Manager of Natural Gas Planning at Avista Utilities
- Mark Sellers-Vaughn, Manager of Gas Supply Planning and Systems at Cascade Natural Gas
- Randy Friedman, Director of Gas Supply at Northwest Natural Gas
- David Mills, Director of Gas and Power Supply Operations at Puget Sound Energy

Each presenter will cover information specific to their group or utility and then be available to answer questions from the Commission. This is an informational presentation only, no decisions or actions are anticipated by the Commission.