

- At the time the Application was filed, Applicant sought an expeditious schedule that would correspond with the schedule adopted in the Oregon proceeding (Docket UM 1045) and result in a Commission decision by mid-May 2002. In response, the Commission adopted an accelerated schedule that allowed the Washington proceeding to lag slightly behind the schedule adopted in Oregon.
- With the delay in the Oregon schedule, such an accelerated schedule is not necessary for the Washington proceeding. Delaying the Washington hearings to early October would allow this proceeding to continue to follow the Oregon proceedings, and thus allow this proceeding to be informed by the investigation being conducted by the Oregon Commission on the overall transaction.
- Applicant believes the additional time made available by this continuance is necessary to address issues related to the Enron bankruptcy.

3 **COMMISSION DECISION.** The Commission finds good cause shown, and that is consistent with the public interest to grant the Motion for Continuance. The Commission cancels the hearings scheduled for June 4-6, 2002, and suspends the remainder of the schedule memorialized in the February 8, 2002, Prehearing Conference Order. Because the parties are unable to reach agreement on a new schedule, the Commission sets a prehearing conference to establish a new schedule and hearing dates.

4 **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference will be held on Tuesday, April 30, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 206, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington. The purpose of the prehearing conference is to establish a new schedule for this proceeding.**

Dated at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 12th day of April, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

KAREN M. CAILLÉ
Administrative Law Judge

