

[Service Date November 3, 2003]

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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE ANSWER**  
**(by 5:00 p.m., Friday, November 7, 2003)**

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. American Water Resources, Inc., Docket Nos. UW-031284 and UW-010961, consolidated.

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On November 3, 2003, American Water Resources, Inc. (AWRI) filed with the Commission a Petition to allow AWRI access to funds in the "Docket Account" to defend itself in litigation scheduled for trial December 7-8, 2003. AWRI asks for action on the Petition as soon as possible.

In light of the urgency of the request, the Commission finds that it is in the public interest to shorten the time for filing answers to the Petition. *WAC 480-09-425(3)(c)*. Answers to AWRI's Petition must be filed **by 5:00 p.m. Friday, November 7, 2003.**

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ  
Administrative Law Judge