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Theodora Mace, Administrative Law Judge Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: WUTC v. Marbello Water Company,

Docket Nos. UW-040366 and UW-041181, Consolidated

Dear Judge Mace:

The Commission Staff requests a one week continuance of the prehearing conference scheduled for Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup> in this matter and of the deadline of the same date for Staff to file its direct testimony. The company agrees to the continuance.

The basis for the request is that the parties are very close to settlement of these consolidated cases and wish to avoid the time and expense of attending a conference and filing testimony that will in all likelihood be unnecessary to resolution of the cases.

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JCT:kll cc: Parties