

October 18, 2001

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Administrative Law Judge Karen Caille
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW
P.O. Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re: Docket No. UE-001878

Dear Judge Caille:

The parties to this proceeding (Applicants, Staff, Public Counsel, Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities, and the Energy Project) held a telephone conference on October 17, 2001, regarding a proposed procedural schedule and process for this proceeding. Follow-up discussions were also held earlier today, October 18th. I am authorized by the parties to report to you the outcome of those discussions.

The parties were unable to reach agreement on a proposed schedule for this proceeding. In accordance with the discussion at the September 13, 2001, prehearing conference, we hereby request that you convene a prehearing conference for purposes of establishing a schedule.

Please contact the undersigned or any of the parties if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

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