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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET NO. UG-900210
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	NOTICE OF HEARING
)	(1)
WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS)	(May 21, 1990)
COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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The Washington Natural Gas Company filed in this cause March 7, 1990, certain tariff revisions. The proposed tariff revisions change current tariff terms and conditions for providing interruptible transportation service in order to require execution of a service agreement for a minimum one-year period. In addition, the company proposes a language change to the minimum bill provision in Schedule No. 57. The operation of the tariff revisions has been suspended by order of the Commission in this cause pending hearing or hearings concerning such changes and the justness and reasonableness thereof.

Hearing in this matter is being held pursuant to Part IV of chapter 34.05 RCW pertaining to adjudicative proceedings, including but not limited to RCW 34.05.422, 34.05.440, 34.05.449 and 34.05.452. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter under Title 80 RCW, having legal authority to regulate the rates, services, and practices of gas companies under chapter 80.28. In addition to the foregoing statutes, rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure, including specifically WAC 480-09-480, relating to obtaining data in adjudicative proceedings.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That public hearing herein will be convened at the hour of 9:30 a.m., Monday, May 21, 1990, in the Commission's Hearing, Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to that date or made orally at that time. Appearances will be taken. Respondent will be expected to have available at that time for distribution to all parties and interested persons copies of its direct testimony and exhibits that it proposes to present in support of its request for the general increase. These documents will at that time be marked as exhibits. It need not have its witnesses in attendance as no oral testimony will be taken at that hearing session.

The ultimate issue involved is whether the tariff revisions are just and reasonable. In accordance with the provisions of RCW 80.04.130 the burden of proof to show that the tariff revisions are just and reasonable will be upon the respondent.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Subdivision of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1212 Jefferson Street SE, Suite 200, Mail Stop PG-21, Olympia, Washington 98504, (206) 753-6403 will be designated to preside at the hearing.

The names and mailing addresses of all parties and their known representatives are as follows:

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Thereafter proper notices will be given as to the time and place for public hearings on respondent's filing for the requested general increase in gas rates.

It is planned that specially designated hearing sessions for the purpose of receiving the testimony of members of the public will be held at a time and place to be set later. The Commission will provide at its offices in Olympia, Washington, current records of the hearing for the use of those who may wish to review them. The Public Counsel Section of the Office of Attorney General has been designated by the Attorney General to represent the public. The address of the Commission, shown below, may be used for inquiries of Public Counsel, or Public Counsel may be contacted directly by writing or calling the address or telephone number listed below. Public Counsel will be able to help members of the public to prepare their testimony if assistance is desired.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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Secretary

May 1, 1990

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