May 17, 2002

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE (May 22, 2002)

RE: Northwest Natural Gas Company Corporate Reorganization Docket No. UG-011607

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On May16, 2002, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) notified the Commission by faxed letter that NW Natural and Enron, as the parties to the Spock Purchase Agreement (SPA) are finalizing an agreement to terminate the SPA. The termination agreement must be approved by the Bankruptcy Court. NW Natural proposes that the scheduling conference set for May 22, 2002, be cancelled.

The Commission finds that it is appropriate and in the public interest to cancel the prehearing conference set for May 22, 2002. The Commission requests that NW Natural inform it of the outcome of the proceedings before the Bankruptcy Court related to the termination of the SPA, or provide a letter describing the status of those proceedings by July 16, 2002, whichever occurs first.

Sincerely,

KAREN M. CAILLÉ Administrative Law Judge