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v. ) )  
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Complainant, ) )  
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION, ) )  
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Respondent. ) )

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JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Let's go on the record.

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Good afternoon. I am Marguerite Friedlander,

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administrative law judge with the Commission, and we're here

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today on January 21, 2015, for a prehearing conference in Docket

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UG-140381, a complaint against Cascade Natural Gas Corporation

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related to incorrect application of late payment charges, late

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payment charge tariff conditions, and rates and charges related

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to disconnect visits.

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Let's go ahead and take appearances first, and then

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we'll have you state your name for the record, spelling the last

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name. Give us your mailing address, your phone number -- please

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don't bother with the fax number -- and your e-mail address,

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starting with Staff.

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MR. CASEY: Hi. My name is Christopher Casey. I'm

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an Assistant Attorney General with the Utilities and

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Transportation Commission.

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MR. BROWN: Wait a minute.

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MR. CASEY: Oh. Christopher Casey, Assistant

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Attorney General with the Utilities and Transportation

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Commission. Last name is spelled C-a-s-e-y.

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1 My mailing address is P.O. Box 40128, Olympia,  
2 Washington 98504; phone number is 360.664.1189; and my e-mail  
3 address is ccasey@utc.wa.gov.

4 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Great. Thank you.

5 MS. BROWN: Sally Brown, Senior Assistant Attorney  
6 General, also entering an appearance on behalf of Commission  
7 Staff in this docket. My contact information is as previously  
8 noted.

9 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Excellent.

10 And who's going to be primary on this for purposes of  
11 the prehearing conference order?

12 MS. BROWN: Mr. Casey.

13 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Thank you.

14 Let's go ahead and take an appearance from Cascade.

15 MS. RACKNER: I'm Lisa Rackner, R-a-c-k-n-e-r,  
16 counsel for Cascade Natural Gas. My mailing address is 419  
17 Southeast 11th, 97204; my phone number is 503.595.3925; and my  
18 e-mail is lisa@mcd-law.com.

19 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Thank you.

20 And appearing today on behalf of Public Counsel?

21 MS. GAFKIN: My name is Lisa Gafken, G-a, "f," as in  
22 Frank, k-e-n. I'm an Assistant Attorney General appearing on  
23 behalf of Public Counsel.

24 I'll note, though -- and I'll give the full  
25 appearance, but I'll note that Simon ffitch will be the lead

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1 attorney on this case, and Lea Fisher will be the lead  
2 analyst --

3 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Thank you.

4 MS. GAFKEN: -- for Public Counsel. So I'm the  
5 stand-in today. And I'll give their telephone numbers and  
6 e-mail addresses as well.

7 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Yeah. If you want to just go  
8 ahead and give your appearance, and then we'll talk about having  
9 everyone give me -- for purposes of distribution and e-mails and  
10 correspondence and things like that and adding you to the  
11 service list, we'll talk about having everybody give me that  
12 information later.

13 So if you want to just give your appearance, that  
14 would be great.

15 MS. GAFKEN: Sure. My mailing address is 800 Fifth  
16 Avenue, Suite 2000, Seattle, Washington 98104; my telephone  
17 number is 206.464.6595; and my e-mail address is  
18 lisa.gafken@atg.wa.gov.

19 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Thank you.

20 Is there anyone else who wishes to make an appearance  
21 today?

22 All right. Hearing nothing, we'll go forward.

23 I didn't receive any intervention requests, so that's  
24 very simple.

25 Do the parties want the Commission's discovery rules

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1 to be available to them? Do you anticipate discovery?

2 MS. GAFKIN: Yes, we do.

3 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Then we'll make those  
4 available.

5 In addition, does anyone need the protective order or  
6 highly confidential protective order that we usually use? You  
7 can always ask for one later if one's not necessary right now.

8 MS. RACKNER: Yeah. At this point we don't think any  
9 issues have been raised that would require the discovery order.

10 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Thank you.

11 MS. BROWN: The protective order?

12 MS. RACKNER: The protective order, yeah.

13 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Right, right.

14 Okay. Thank you.

15 The next thing on my list is waiver of paper service.

16 So we like to have the service of orders and other  
17 paperwork that the Commission generates served electronically,  
18 but the legislature has required that we ask you and get a  
19 waiver for that kind of activity.

20 So does anyone have a problem with waiving paper  
21 service from the Commission?

22 MS. RACKNER: No.

23 MR. CASEY: No.

24 JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Thank you. So everyone  
25 has consented to that.

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1                   It sounded like before we came on the record that the  
2 schedule was being hammered out.

3                   Do we have a full schedule, or do I need to go off  
4 the record and have a discussion?

5                   MS. RACKNER: We do need to go off the record to  
6 complete, yeah.

7                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. That's fine. That's fine.  
8 We'll be off the record. Thank you.

9                                   (A break was taken from 1:07 p.m.  
10                                   to 1:28 p.m.)

11                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: All right. We're back on the  
12 record.

13                   Would somebody like to summarize the agreement on the  
14 procedural schedule?

15                   MR. CASEY: Yes, I can.

16                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Mr. Casey?

17                   MR. CASEY: So we are hoping to be able to stipulate  
18 to facts and deal with this matter on a paper record, so our  
19 procedural schedule matches that intent. We have today's  
20 prehearing conference. We have settlement conferences scheduled  
21 for February 20th and March 12th. These will be all-day  
22 conferences here.

23                   Summary determination motions to be filed on April  
24 9th, and responses to summary determination motions filed on  
25 April 29th.



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1                   And then we would like to reserve a day for oral  
2 argument on the summary determination motions for the 15th, if  
3 that works with your calendar, and that's May 15.

4                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: May 15? Okay.

5                   So paper record except for, obviously, the oral  
6 arguments?

7                   MR. CASEY: Yes.

8                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay.

9                   MR. CASEY: And we are hoping that we can stipulate  
10 to facts prior to the summary determination motion.

11                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay.

12                   MS. BROWN: And this is Sally Brown. It's not a full  
13 drawn conclusion that we will, in fact, need oral argument.

14                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Oral arguments. Okay.

15                   MS. BROWN: But it's just sort of in the packet in  
16 the event some party feels strongly that we should go forward  
17 with that.

18                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Sure.

19                   And just give me enough heads-up in case so we get  
20 the court reporter scheduled and everything. It looks like from  
21 my calendar May 15 would be fine, so that's good.

22                   MR. CASEY: Okay.

23                   JUDGE FRIEDLANDER: Okay. Well, let me just check my  
24 notes and make sure I have covered everything.

25                   When filing documents with the Commission, parties





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