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June 10, 1999

**NOTICE OF RULE MAKING WORKSHOP
(JUNE 24, 1999)**

Re: In the Rule Making Proceeding on Chapters 480-90 and 480-100 WAC --Rules
Related to Natural Gas and Electric Companies
Docket Nos. UE-990294 and UG-990473

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Review of Consumer Rules

On June 3, 1999, the Commission held the first in a series of workshops in its review of the natural gas and electric rules in chapters 480-90 and 480-100 WAC, respectively. The review of the consumer rules in chapters 480-90 and 480-100 WAC was not completed on that date.

NOTICE IS GIVEN That the Commission will continue its review of the consumer rules covering Payment Arrangements, Complaints and Disputes, Form of Bills, Refunds for Inaccurate Meters, and Payment Agencies at a workshop to will be held from 9:30 a.m. -- 2:00 p.m., Thursday, June 24, 1999, in the Commission's Hearing Room in Olympia.

Least Cost Planning Rules

Given the comments received to date and the discussions held at the June 3, 1999 workshop regarding the Commission's least cost planning rules -- WAC 480-90-191 and WAC 480-100-251 -- the Commission has decided to defer the review of these rules until next year. This will free the current natural gas and electric rulemaking proceedings from the major policy issues to be explored in a review of the least cost planning rules which should be considered in the context of a review of the rules in chapter 480-107 WAC, Electric Companies - Interconnection With Electric Cogeneration and Small Power Producers.

Questions regarding this letter may be addressed to Jim Russell, Natural Gas Program Staff, 360-664-1318, or Graciela Etchart, Electric Program Staff, 360-664-1310.

Sincerely,

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Secretary