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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET NO. UG-940814
Complainant,)	
)	NOTICE OF PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
vs.)	(August 10, 1994)
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WASHINGTON NATURAL)	
GAS COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	

The Washington Natural Gas Company filed in this cause June 15, 1994, certain tariff revisions in response to the Commission's Fourth, Tenth, and Eleventh Supplemental Orders in Docket No. UG-920840. The revisions propose a single transportation rate instead of the two on file, along with a resulting reallocation of revenue requirements among all customer classes. The company states that the filing represents no additional overall revenue effect. 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 80.04 RCW and chapter 80.28 RCW, including but not limited to RCW 80.04.250, RCW 80.28.010, RCW 80.28.020, RCW 80.28.050, RCW 80.28.090, RCW 80.28.100, and RCW 80.01.040. In addition to the foregoing statutes, rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC, including WAC 480-09-480, and chapter 480-90 WAC. The ultimate issues involved are whether the tariff revisions are just, reasonable, and sufficient and in the public interest. The issue as to the justness, reasonableness, and sufficiency of the rates includes consideration of alternative rate design or structure. 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.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a prehearing conference herein will be held at the hour of 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, August 10, 1994,

in Room 140, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. The time and place for the evidentiary hearings will be set at the prehearing conference or by later written notice. The purpose of said prehearing conference is to consider formulating the issues in the proceeding and determining other matters to aid in its disposition, as specified in WAC 480-09-460. Respondent will be expected to have available at that time for distribution to all parties and interested persons copies of the direct testimony and exhibits that they propose to present. Those documents will at that time be marked as exhibits. Appearances will be taken. Petitions to intervene should be made in writing prior to that date or made orally at that time.

Please see the form attached to this notice which should be filled out and returned if any party or witness needs an interpreter or other assistance.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN THAT ANY PARTY WHO FAILS TO ATTEND OR PARTICIPATE IN THE PREHEARING CONFERENCE SET HEREIN, OR OTHER STAGE OF THIS PROCEEDING, MAY BE HELD IN DEFAULT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF RCW 34.05.440.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Subdivision of the Office of Administrative Hearings, Third Floor, 2420 Bristol Court SW, Building E, PO BOX 42489, OLYMPIA WA 98504-2489, (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 tariff changes.

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


STEVE MC LELLAN
Secretary

July 20, 1994

Inquiries should be addressed to:

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PLEASE BE ADVISED that the hearing facilities are accessible to interested people with disabilities; that smoking is prohibited; and that if limited English-speaking or hearing impaired parties or witnesses are involved in a hearing and need an interpreter, a qualified interpreter will be appointed at no cost to the party or witness.

The information needed to provide an appropriate interpreter or other assistance should be designated below and returned to Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, Attention: Steve McLellan, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, P. O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA 98504-7250. (SUPPLY ALL REQUESTED INFORMATION)

Docket No.: _____

Case Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Hearing Date: _____ Hearing Location: _____

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Other type of assistance needed: _____

English-speaking person who can be contacted if there are questions:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No.: () _____