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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

vs.

WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UG-911236

FIRST SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER
INSTITUTING INVESTIGATION
AND ORDER OF CONSOLIDATIONWASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

vs.

WASHINGTON NATURAL GAS COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UG-911270

ORDER INSTITUTING
INVESTIGATION AND FIRST
SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF
CONSOLIDATION

By order in Docket No. UG-911236 entered November 27, 1991, the Commission suspended the operation of tariff revisions filed by Respondent, Washington Natural Gas Company, relating to charges and rates for natural gas service, pending public hearing in this matter as to the justness and reasonableness of the filed tariff.

On November 7, 1991, in Docket No. UG-911270, Washington Natural Gas Company filed an application for approval of a contract and contract amendment for purchase of natural gas from its affiliate, Washington Energy Exploration, Inc. (formerly Thermal Exploration, Inc.). At its regularly scheduled open public meeting on January 8, 1992, pursuant to prior notice, the Commission adopted a staff recommendation to set this matter for hearing.

In connection with these proceedings the Commission deems it necessary, in order to carry out the duties imposed by law upon it, to investigate the books, accounts, practices, and activities of respondent and to investigate and appraise various phases of the operation of Respondent.

Since these matters involve common questions of fact and law, it has been determined that the proceedings should be consolidated for purposes of hearing and Commission decision.

IT IS ORDERED That an investigation regarding those points described above be instituted, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That Respondent shall pay the expenses reasonably attributable and allocable to the investigation into these matters, to the extent the requirement for such payment may be in accordance with the provisions of chapter 80.20 RCW, and

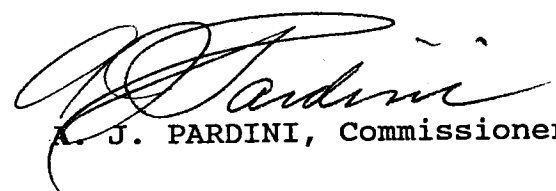
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That the statement required by WAC 480-80-125 shall be supplied to all affected Washington Natural Gas Company customers in the form and manner therein specified, and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED That each of the above-entitled matters are consolidated for hearing and Commission decision, with the Commission reserving the right to enter separate orders in each matter in its discretion.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 10th day of January 1992.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION


RICHARD D. CASAD, Commissioner


A. J. PARDINI, Commissioner