

SERVICE DATE

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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND	)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,	)	
	)	
Complainant,	)	DOCKET UG-940814
	)	
vs.	)	
	)	COMPLAINT AND ORDER
WASHINGTON NATURAL	)	SUSPENDING TARIFF
GAS COMPANY,	)	REVISIONS AND GRANTING
	)	WAIVER PETITION
Respondent.	)	
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On June 15, 1994, Washington Natural Gas Company filed with the Commission under its Advice No. 684-F510, revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-2 designated as:

- 53rd Revision of Sheet No. 3
- 4th Revision of Sheet N. 37
- 38th Revision of Sheet No. 111
- 35th Revision of Sheet No. 116
- 43rd Revision of Sheet No. 123
- 39th Revision of Sheet No. 124
- 38th Revision of Sheet No. 131
- 23rd Revision of Sheet No. 136-B
- 43rd Revision of Sheet No. 141
- 3rd Revision Temporary of Sheet No. 150
- 38th Revision of Sheet No. 151
- 9th Revision of Sheet No. 157
- 5th Revision of Sheet No. 157-A
- 3rd Revision of Sheet No. 157-B
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 157-C
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 157-D
- 1st Revision of Sheet No. 157-E
- 2nd Revision of Sheet No. 157-F
- Original Sheet No. 157-G
- 4th Revision of Sheet 161
- 43rd Revision of Sheet 185-A
- 10th Revision of Sheet 185-B
- 39th Revision of Sheet 186-A
- 8th Revision of Sheet 186-B
- 4th Revision of Sheet 187-A
- 29th Revision of Sheet 187-B

In addition, Washington Natural Gas Company filed to cancel:

Original Sheet No. 158  
1st Revision of Sheet No. 158-A  
Original Temporary Sheet No. 158-B  
Original Sheet No. 158-C  
Original Sheet No. 158-D  
Original Temporary Sheet No. 158-E  
1st Revision of Sheet No. 158-F

In its filing, Washington Natural Gas Company, also requested a limited waiver from the requirements of WAC 480-09-330. Washington Natural Gas Company claims that (1) the filing is a rate design filing only with no overall revenue impact, (2) the filing is based on a rate of return recently approved by the Commission in Docket UG-920840, and (3) many of the documents required by the rule were submitted by the Company in the recently concluded general rate case Docket UG-931405. The waiver request is reasonable since it would require the Company to produce information unnecessary for the public to evaluate the proposed tariff revisions.

The stated effective date of these tariff revisions is July 16, 1994.

#### FINDINGS

1. The filing herein would increase or change charges and rates for natural gas service rendered by respondent and that the rights and interests of the public might be injuriously affected thereby, it is the decision of the Commission to enter upon public hearing or hearings concerning such changes and the reasonableness and justness thereof and to suspend the operation of the above tariff revisions pending such hearing or hearings and decision thereon.

2. In accordance with RCW 80.04.130, the burden of proof to show that such increases or changes are just and reasonable shall be upon the respondent.

3. The Company's request for a limited waiver of the filing requirements defined by WAC 480-09-330 is reasonable and in the public interest.

#### O R D E R S

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The operation of the above tariff revisions, filed herein June 15, 1994, is hereby suspended.

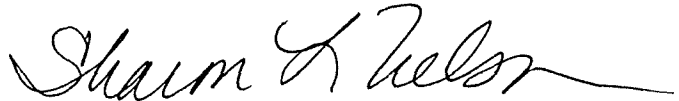
2. A hearing or hearings, on the Commission's own motion, shall be held at such times and places as may be required.

3. No change or alteration shall be made in the tariff revisions filed herein, during the period of suspension, unless authorized by the Commission.

4. The waiver request filed in this docket, is hereby granted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1994.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION



SHARON L. NELSON, Chairman



RICHARD HEMSTAD, Commissioner