

[Service Date April 8, 2005]

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP
(Set for Thursday, May 12, 2005, 9:30 a.m.)

Re: Rulemaking to Review Natural Gas Decoupling
Docket No. UG-050369

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

On April 5, 2005, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) filed with the Code Reviser a Preproposal Statement of Inquiry (CR-101) to consider the rate and accounting methods for natural gas companies that separate, or "decouple," a utility company's recovery of fixed costs from the volume of its commodity sales in order to eliminate gas conservation and energy efficiency disincentives and other revenue variables. The CR-101, as filed with the Code Reviser, is available for inspection on the Commission's web site at www.wutc.wa.gov/050369. If you are unable to access the Commission's web page and would like a copy of the CR-101 mailed to you, please contact the Records Center at (360) 664-1234.

STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP

The Commission has scheduled a workshop to discuss decoupling gas utilities' recovery of fixed costs from commodity sales volumes. This workshop, as noticed in the CR-101 Preproposal Statement of Inquiry, will be held on **Thursday, May 12, 2005, in Room 206 at the Commission's headquarters, beginning at 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** Free parking is available. The Commission's address is:

Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W.
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

If you cannot attend the workshop in person, you can arrange to dial into the Commission's conference bridge at **(360) 664-3846**. You may reserve a line by calling Ms. Kippi Walker at (360) 664-1139 by May 11, 2005.

If you have questions about this Notice, about the rulemaking process, or this rulemaking in particular, you may contact Roger Braden by e-mail at rbraden@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1312 or Mike Parvinen by e-mail at mparvine@wutc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1315.

Sincerely,

CAROLE J. WASHBURN
Executive Secretary