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BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,)	
)	DOCKET NO. UE-900093
Complainant,)	
)	
vs.)	NOTICE OF HEARING
)	
THE WASHINGTON WATER POWER)	(March 22, 1990)
COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
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The Washington Water Power Company filed in this cause January 30, 1990, certain tariff revisions designed to recover increased power costs associated with a contract with Bonneville Power Administration. The proposal would increase annual revenues by approximately \$7,800,000, or approximately 3.9%. On the basis that the proposed changes might adversely affect the rights and interests of the public, the Commission, by order dated February 7, 1990, suspended the effect of such tariff revisions, pending hearings as to the reasonableness and justness thereof.

Concurrently with the tariff filing, the respondent filed what it denominated a petition for an accounting order seeking approval of deferred accounting of all cost increases or decreases under its BPA contract, such that deferred costs would be amortized to expense as revenues are received under the BPA Tracking Rate Adjustment. Both the tariff filing and the petition for an accounting order will be heard in this docket.

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 electric companies pursuant to chapter 80.28 RCW, and the accounts of such companies under RCW 80.04.090. In addition to the foregoing statutes, rules involved include those within chapter 480-09 WAC relating to practice and procedure, including specifically WAC 480-09-480, relating to obtaining data in adjudicative proceedings.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That a public hearing herein will be convened at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 22, 1990, in the Commission's Hearing Room, Second Floor, Chandler Plaza Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW, Olympia, Washington. Interventions will be considered at that time, and appearances will be taken. Direct testimony and exhibits of various company witnesses purporting to support the tariff changes and its proposed accounting treatment were filed with the Commission concurrently with the filing, and are available to any interested person. Those documents will at that time be marked as exhibits. Parties need not have witnesses in attendance as no oral testimony will be taken at that hearing session. Other preliminary matters may also be presented and resolved, and the matter may be recessed to a prehearing conference for the purposes enunciated in WAC 480-09-460 and WAC 480-09-480.

The ultimate issue to be resolved in hearing of this docket is whether the tariff revisions are just and reasonable, and whether the proposed accounting is appropriate. 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.

An Administrative Law Judge from the Utilities and Transportation Subdivision of the Office of Administrative Hearings, 1212 Jefferson Street SE, Suite 200, Mail Stop PG-21, Olympia, WA 98504, (206) 753-6403 will be designated to preside at the hearing.

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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 general increase in electric rates.

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 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 prepare their testimony if assistance is desired.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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March 2, 1990

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