

April 10, 2003

**NOTICE OF TIME FOR DEADLINES:
ANSWER TO MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT
(April 25, 2003)**

**DECISION WHETHER TO SIGN AMENDED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
(April 25, 2003)**

RE: Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Basin Frozen Foods, Inc., Docket No. UG-020230 and UG-020232

TO ALL PARTIES:

On April 7, 2003, Commission Staff filed a Motion to Amend Complaint and to Allow Respondent to Confirm Its Acceptance of the Amended Settlement Agreement. The motion asks the Commission to amend its complaint served August 28, 2002, to delete references to RCW 80.28.212, and to replace those references with RCW 81.04.387. In addition, Commission Staff asks that references to Basin as a "gas company" be deleted. Basin may respond to the motion no later than April 25, 2003.

In addition to allowing Basin to respond to the motion to amend, Commission Staff requests that the Commission ask Basin to indicate by the same deadline whether or not Basin wishes to continue as signatory to the Amended Settlement Agreement filed in this docket on March 20, 2003. If Basin does not wish to do so, the Commission Staff asks the Commission to set a prehearing conference to schedule hearing in this case. Basin should indicate no later than April 25, 2003, whether or not it wishes to continue as signatory to the Amended Settlement.

Commission Staff also asks the Commission to hold in abeyance its action on the Amended Settlement Agreement until this matter is resolved. The Commission will do so.

Sincerely,

MARJORIE R. SCHAER
Administrative Law Judge