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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: Rulemaking to Review Natural Gas Decoupling
Docket No. UG-050369

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find an original copy of the Preliminary Comments of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled docket. For confirmation of receipt, I have enclosed a copy to be date-stamped and sent back to us in the enclosed self-addressed, stamped envelope. A copy was also sent via e-mail on May 10, 2005.

Sincerely,

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