

March 6, 2002

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF TIME FOR FILING BRIEFS

RE: *WUTC v. Puget Sound Energy*
Docket Nos. UE-011570/UG-011571

TO ALL PARTIES OF RECORD:

On February 25, 2002, Commission Staff (Staff), Puget Sound Energy (PSE), Public Counsel, and the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a joint request for a continuance in the filing date for briefs in Phase One (interim rates) of these proceedings from March 1, 2002, to March 8, 2002. The request was granted.

On February 28, 2002, Staff, PSE, Public Counsel, Kroger, and ICNU reported by letter that settlement discussions occurred on February 26 and 28, 2002, and that they had scheduled time for further discussions on March 5, 2002. These Parties filed a joint request for a further continuance in the filing date for briefs from March 8, 2002, to March 13, 2002. The request was granted.

On March 6, 2002, Staff, PSE, Public Counsel, Kroger, and ICNU advised the Commission that their negotiations are continuing. They jointly request that the filing date for Phase One briefs be suspended indefinitely. Although indefinite continuances are generally disfavored, these Parties commit to contact the Commission if and when it becomes necessary to establish a new deadline for Phase One briefs. We take that to be a commitment to continue to keep the Commission advised of progress in the negotiations.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the deadline for filing briefs in Phase One is continued to a date to be determined.

Sincerely,

DENNIS J. MOSS
Administrative Law Judge