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      BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
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    In re Application No. GA-079358 )
    of DB HAULING, LLC,
                                    ) Docket No. TG-050239
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    For Authority to Transfer All
                                  ) Volume No. I
    Rights Under Certificate
                                    ) Pages 1 - 24
    No. G-198, Standing in the
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    Name of Haney Truck Line, Inc., )
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    to DB Hauling, LLC.
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              A prehearing conference in the above matter
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    was held on May 10, 2005, at 1:35 p.m., at 1300 South
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    Evergreen Park Drive Southwest, Olympia, Washington,
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    before Administrative Law Judge KAREN CAILLE.
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- 1 JUDGE CAILLE: We're here for the first
- 2 prehearing conference in Docket No. TG-050239, which
- 3 concerns the Application of DB Hauling for authority to
- 4 transfer all rights under Certificate No. G-128 in the
- 5 name of Haney Truck Line to DB Hauling, LLC, and there
- 6 is an attachment to the Application, which is a joint
- 7 application. The Attachment B is a joint application
- 8 by DB Hauling and Haney Truck Line for a transfer of
- 9 certificate.
- 10 My name is Karen Caille, and I'm the
- 11 presiding administrative law judge for this proceeding.
- 12 Today is May the 10th, 2005, and we are convened in the
- 13 hearing room at the Commission's offices in Olympia,
- 14 Washington.
- I would like to start this afternoon by
- 16 taking appearances from all of the parties. I will ask
- 17 you to state your name. Please spell your last name
- 18 for the court reporter. State who you represent, your
- 19 street address and mailing address, telephone number,
- 20 fax number, and if you have one, an e-mail address, and
- 21 if we could begin with you, Mr. Burke.
- 22 MR. BURKE: Donald Burke, B-u-r-k-e. My
- 23 business is at 610 North 20th Avenue, Yakima,
- 24 Washington, 98902. The phone number is (509) 969-9137.
- 25 I have no fax number at the moment, and my e-mail is

- 1 donoburke@msn.com.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Burke, was that
- d-o-n-o-b-u-r-k-e?
- 4 MR. BURKE: Yes, it was.
- 5 JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you. Mr. Moorer for
- 6 Haney?
- 7 MR. MOORER: Before we go any further, you
- 8 had said that we were talking about the transfer of
- 9 G-128. It's actually G-198.
- 10 JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you. I would like to
- 11 correct the record that the certificate that is the
- 12 subject of this transfer is G-198.
- MR. MOORER: My name is Bruce Moorer,
- 14 M-o-o-r-e-r. I'm the treasurer of Haney Truck Line,
- 15 Inc. My office is in Yakima, Washington. My mailing
- 16 address is PO Box 29, Yakima, Washington, 98907. My
- 17 phone number direct line is (509) 853-2568. My fax
- 18 number is (509) 575-1772. My e-mail address is
- 19 brucem@qtsinc.com, so that's six letters,.com.
- 20 JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you very much, and for
- 21 Commission staff?
- 22 MS. WATSON: Good afternoon. My name is Lisa
- 23 Watson, W-a-t-s-o-n. I'm an assistant attorney general
- 24 appearing on behalf of Commission staff. My address is
- 25 PO Box 40128, Olympia, Washington, 98504-0128. My

- 1 telephone number is (360) 664-1186; fax number, (360)
- 2 586-5522, and my e-mail address is lwatson@wutc.wa.gov.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you. For Yakima Waste
- 4 Systems?
- 5 MR. HAFFNER: Thank you, Your Honor. Greg
- 6 Haffner, H-a-f-f-n-e-r, for Yakima Waste Systems. My
- 7 address is PO Box 140, Kent, Washington, 98035-0140.
- 8 My phone number is (253) 852-2345. My fax number is
- 9 (253) 852-2030. My e-mail address is
- 10 gwh@curranmendoza.com.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you, and Mr. Sells?
- MR. SELLS: If Your Honor please, James
- 13 Sells, attorney appearing on behalf of Protestant
- 14 Washington Refuse and Recycling Association. My
- 15 address is 9657 Levin Road Northwest, Suite 240,
- 16 Silverdale, Washington, 98383; telephone, (360)
- 17 307-8860, fax; (360) 307-8865; e-mail,
- 18 jimsells@rsulaw.com.
- 19 JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you. Is there anyone
- 20 else here to make an appearance today? Okay. Then let
- 21 the record reflect there are no other appearances.
- I would note that the Commission did receive
- 23 timely protests from Washington Refuse and Recycling
- 24 Association and from the Yakima Waste Systems,
- 25 Incorporated. I would also note that on May the 4th,

- 1 the Commission received copies of two contracts, one
- 2 between DB Hauling and Tree Top, and a second between
- 3 DB Hauling and Del Monte Foods, and I would propose
- 4 that the Application be amended to include those two
- 5 contracts. Is there any objection from anyone?
- 6 MS. WATSON: No objection, Your Honor.
- 7 MR. SELLS: Excuse me, Your Honor. I have
- 8 not received copies of those contracts. I don't know
- 9 if Mr. Haffner has or not.
- MR. HAFFNER: Nor have I, Your Honor.
- 11 JUDGE CAILLE: Should we take just a brief
- 12 break and get copies made for them?
- MS. WATSON: Sure.
- 14 JUDGE CAILLE: Let's go off the record for
- 15 just five minutes or so.
- 16 (Recess.)
- JUDGE CAILLE: The Protestants have been
- 18 given a copy of the contracts that were filed with the
- 19 Commission on May the 4th, and I'm prepared to allow
- 20 those as amendments to the Application. Are there any
- 21 comments from the Protestants?
- 22 MR. SELLS: If I may, Your Honor, I apologize
- 23 if I'm a little bit unclear because I'm just reading
- 24 this thing as I'm talking here, but glancing at these
- 25 two contracts kind of casually, it appears to me that

- 1 they are contracts for common carriage. If you will
- 2 notice, they are the same, apparently, but again, I
- 3 have not read the whole thing.
- 4 If you look at Paragraph 4, for example,
- 5 Paragraph 2, they are for the shipment of goods. The
- 6 shipment of goods is not the collection and/or
- 7 transportation of garbage. They are two entirely
- 8 different things; one, of course, being regulated by
- 9 this commission and one not being regulated by this
- 10 commission.
- 11 What that means at this point I'm not really
- 12 sure, but the contracts that are apparently the basis
- 13 of the contract permit are not for the collection
- 14 and/or transportation of solid waste, and that concerns
- 15 me at this point.
- MR. MOORER: Judge, if you would turn the
- 17 page of the contracts, the contract references a rate
- 18 sheet attached, and on the rate sheet, it specifically
- 19 identifies the goods under contract, which includes
- 20 waste.
- 21 JUDGE CAILLE: I see that. Mr. Sells, do you
- 22 see that?
- MR. SELLS: Yes, Your Honor. I've seen both
- 24 of those pages, but that doesn't do anything about my
- 25 concern about the difference between the transportation

- 1 of commodities, goods, and the transportation of solid
- 2 waste. Just because we have a price sheet for solid
- 3 waste, it does not mean that this turns this into a
- 4 contract for the transportation of solid waste.
- 5 JUDGE CAILLE: Perhaps since we have both the
- 6 parties here, we can amend this contract so it reads...
- 7 MS. WATSON: I don't know that we do have all
- 8 the parties to the contract because this is a contract
- 9 between the shipper and --
- 10 JUDGE CAILLE: That's right. We don't have
- 11 the shippers.
- MR. MOORER: This is Mr. Moorer.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Yes?
- 14 MR. MOORER: The contract specifically refers
- 15 to attached rates made --
- 16 JUDGE CAILLE: Could you just reference me to
- 17 where it says that, Mr. Moorer?
- 18 MR. MOORER: In Part 3 of the contract, it
- 19 specifically states in the first sentence, "...services
- 20 according to the existing schedule of rates, copies of
- 21 which are attached hereto and made a part hereof, and
- 22 any supplements, reissues, and changes..."
- JUDGE CAILLE: Yes, thank you. So that takes
- 24 care of the rates.
- Mr. Sells, could you reference me to where

- 1 you were? "And to such goods," is that what you are
- 2 talking about?
- 3 MR. SELLS: If you look at the opening
- 4 paragraph -- I'm quoting the second full one down --
- 5 "Shipper desires to utilize the services of carrier for
- 6 the transportation of goods."
- 7 Then again down in Paragraph 2, "During the
- 8 term of this agreement, shipper may employ the services
- 9 of the carrier from time to time for the transportation
- 10 of goods." Same in Paragraph 4.
- MR. MOORER: The first paragraph refers
- 12 specifically, and it says, "...according to the
- 13 specific terms of Permit No. G-198. Whereas, shipper
- 14 desires to utilize the services of carrier for the
- 15 transportation of goods falling within the scope of
- 16 carrier's operating authority, " so while Mr. Sells may
- 17 have made a legal note on the use of the term, there
- 18 should not be any confusion as to the intent of the
- 19 contract as it specifically identifies the permit and
- 20 those items falling within the scope of the carrier's
- 21 operating authority.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Anything further?
- MR. HAFFNER: Your Honor, I believe part of
- 24 the Application includes a CC permit that has been
- 25 given to the Applicant, so again, the contract isn't

- 1 clear that it is limited to items that are able to be
- 2 transported under the G permit. It just says the
- 3 operator's authority, which would also include the CC
- 4 permit, which actually makes sense because when you
- 5 look at the rate sheet, there are a variety of
- 6 commodities listed on the rate sheet.
- 7 MR. MOORER: Your Honor, the hearing and the
- 8 docket concerns waste, and again, and I didn't hear the
- 9 person identify themselves so I don't know who made
- 10 that comment, but currently, we are not having a
- 11 hearing regarding the Applicant's CC permit, which is
- 12 identified on the application.
- 13 JUDGE CAILLE: Okay. I think that also for
- 14 the benefit of the gentlemen that are on the bridge
- 15 line we should perhaps identify ourselves for them as
- 16 well, and the person who spoke to the CC permit is
- 17 Mr. Haffner.
- 18 I'm prepared to rule if everyone has made
- 19 their arguments.
- 20 MR. SELLS: I haven't actually offered a
- 21 motion, Your Honor. I was pointing this out for the
- 22 benefit of Your Honor, and I was prepared to offer a
- 23 motion to dismiss the whole thing until we got these
- 24 contracts because the contracts should have been
- 25 included in the Application itself and were not, but

- 1 I'm not offering any motion concerning the contracts.
- 2 I'm just pointing that out for Your Honor.
- JUDGE CAILLE: How about you, Mr. Haffner?
- 4 Are you offering a motion?
- 5 MR. HAFFNER: Your Honor, I was going to join
- 6 in Mr. Sells' motion to dismiss for lack of a contract
- 7 as required by the Application. I guess one of the
- 8 things I don't have, again, because these have been
- 9 submitted so late, one of the requirements of the
- 10 Application is that the contract be attached which
- 11 contains all the elements of WAC 480-70-146. I haven't
- 12 had time to review this contract to know whether it
- 13 complies with that WAC.
- 14 So unless we want to take a break and compare
- 15 that and see, I think there would probably be some
- 16 analysis to that and a possible motion to dismiss after
- 17 we've had an opportunity to do so.
- 18 JUDGE CAILLE: How about if we do this: We
- 19 will just proceed. I will say that I have reviewed the
- 20 contract against that WAC that you are referring to,
- 21 and the only thing that I found missing was five days
- 22 notice to the WUTC, and there is a 30-day notice
- 23 provision in there. The five-day notice can easily be
- 24 incorporated into any order requirements that need
- 25 additional requirements, just like we always make sure

- 1 that the carrier has insurance before giving them a
- 2 permit.
- 3 Maybe the best way to do this would be to
- 4 take about a 15-minute recess and let you study that
- 5 against the WAC. I happen to have the WAC right here.
- 6 Would you like to do that?
- 7 MR. HAFFNER: That would be fine, Your Honor.
- 8 MR. SELLS: That would be fine.
- 9 JUDGE CAILLE: We are recessed for 15
- 10 minutes.
- 11 (Recess.)
- 12 JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Haffner?
- 13 MR. HAFFNER: Thank you, Your Honor. I think
- 14 at this point, we have had a chance to review the
- 15 contract and compare it to the WAC. I don't believe
- 16 that it is in compliance with the WAC, but I'm not
- 17 prepared today to move for dismissal of the case for
- 18 not having complied with the application information.
- 19 So I think at this point, I'm ready to
- 20 proceed with the prehearing conference and go on to
- 21 some of the other issues. Some of this could probably
- 22 be fixed, and I don't think it's probably the proper
- 23 time to bring it up now.
- JUDGE CAILLE: All right. Anything from you,
- 25 Mr. Sells?

- 1 MR. SELLS: No, Your Honor.
- 2 JUDGE CAILLE: So I take it that there are
- 3 not any preliminary or substantive motions to be made
- 4 at this time.
- 5 MR. HAFFNER: None from Yakima Waste, Your
- 6 Honor.
- 7 MR. SELLS: I have none, Your Honor.
- 8 JUDGE CAILLE: I'm assuming this is not the
- 9 type of case that we would need to invoke the discovery
- 10 rule; that anything that is needed the parties can
- 11 pretty much informally get from one another. Would
- 12 that be correct?
- 13 MR. SELLS: It's funny you should mention
- 14 that. We were just discussing that, and I was
- 15 reiterating my distaste of the discovery rule because I
- 16 think it's a waste of a lot of time and money. I would
- 17 certainly hope that we can proceed, and if there is
- 18 anything we feel we need, I'll call up Mr. Moorer and
- 19 ask him and vice versa.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Let me hear from you, also,
- 21 Mr. Haffner. Are you in accord with that?
- MR. HAFFNER: If what you are asking is do
- 23 you want to put into the prehearing order that the
- 24 parties are not going to have a discovery schedule and
- 25 aren't going to have formal discovery, I'm not in favor

- 1 of that only because I would like it if there is a
- 2 problem with informal requests for information that we
- 3 have an ability to submit data requests and actually
- 4 have that formally documented before we bring a motion
- 5 to you for some sort of help in getting cooperation in
- 6 disclosing information.
- 7 JUDGE CAILLE: You know, the only case that
- 8 I'm familiar with where we've had discovery in a
- 9 transportation case is the ferry case that you are
- 10 before me on.
- 11 MR. HAFFNER: The medical waste case?
- 12 JUDGE CAILLE: Yes, and that is a little
- 13 different. Although, I was pretty much prepared to go
- 14 ahead without the discovery in that as well. You know,
- 15 I really believe that this is a very simple case and
- 16 the parties should be able to exchange information on
- 17 an informal basis, and if you run into problems, if you
- 18 will call me, I can probably be available on short
- 19 notice to have a telephone conference and try to work
- 20 things out or make a ruling, and the same probably is
- 21 true of a protective order. I would not think there
- 22 would need to be a protective order in this matter; is
- 23 that correct?
- MR. HAFFNER: I have no problem with that,
- 25 Your Honor.

- 1 MR. SELLS: Sounds fine to me, Your Honor.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Moorer and Mr. Burke, just
- 3 so you know -- it looks like we have a fax coming our
- 4 way. It looks like I just got a fax here, and we'll
- 5 take a break in a few minutes to make copies of that,
- 6 but just to keep you in the loop, what I'm going
- 7 through are things that we generally discuss at a
- 8 prehearing conference hearing, and generally, the
- 9 discovery rule and the protective order are invoked.
- 10 The discovery rule is invoked in more complex cases
- 11 such as rate cases or matters of first impression, and
- 12 then a protective order generally goes along with
- 13 things that need to be kept confidential.
- 14 So now we were at the point where we would be
- 15 discussing issues, and I guess my question is we have
- 16 two parties, DB Hauling and Haney Truck Line, and they
- 17 have agreed to transfer authority, and the authority
- 18 that they are transferring is the same authority that
- 19 Haney had, and my understanding is that Mr. Burke has
- 20 been operating for Haney and driving this route. So I
- 21 guess, other than the issue of whether DB Hauling is
- 22 fit, willing, and able to perform the contracts, are
- 23 there any other issues in this proceeding?
- MR. HAFFNER: Well, we will probably be
- 25 looking at whether dormancy is an issue and whether the

- 1 activity that's been reported by the transfer is
- 2 accurate. That will probably be subject to some sort
- 3 of scrutiny and challenge. We certainly don't want to
- 4 allow a permit to be transferred that we think has been
- 5 abandoned. It looks like there has been some activity
- 6 reported to the UTC, but we want to look into that.
- 7 JUDGE CAILLE: So dormancy, and was there
- 8 something else you said in connection with that, the
- 9 activity?
- 10 MR. HAFFNER: Those two things being the same
- 11 thing. We also are going to want to look at the nature
- 12 of the goods being transported, whether they are solid
- 13 waste or common carrier type items.
- MR. MOORER: Judge, by way of Mr. Haffner's
- 15 last statement, could the record show that Mr. Haffner
- 16 referred to "waste" as goods being transported?
- 17 MR. SELLS: It should also show I kicked him
- 18 under the table when he did that.
- 19 JUDGE CAILLE: Is there anything else? Does
- 20 anyone wish to comment on issues at this time?
- 21 MR. SELLS: I do, if I may, Your Honor.
- 22 WRRA's interest is generally more global, maybe, than
- 23 this specific company's that may or may not be
- 24 affected, but administrative fitness I think is an
- 25 issue, and I always hesitate to use that word "fitness"

- 1 because it seems to imply to the layperson that they
- 2 are not fit to do something, and that's not the case,
- 3 and I'm casting no aspersions on Mr. Burke at all by
- 4 saying that, but I think in the transfer of an
- 5 authority such as this that has been operated by one of
- 6 the larger trucking companies in the country to a sole
- 7 operator, at the very least, I think the Commission has
- 8 to take a look at that and see what the plans are.
- 9 It's a much different situation to drive a truck for
- 10 Haney than it is to own that truck and drive that truck
- 11 for oneself, so I think one way or the other, either
- 12 through informal discovery or discussion, we have to
- 13 look at that.
- 14 The other thing, of course, is the fact that
- 15 this G permit is a G permit. It's a valuable piece of
- 16 property. We are concerned any time we see one being
- 17 transferred and we don't know what remuneration is
- 18 going back and forth, what's being paid for it. That's
- 19 of concern to all G permit holders, and if DB Hauling
- 20 becomes a G permit holder, that will be of concern to
- 21 him, and thirdly, even though it may be a contract
- 22 permit, it has to be remunerative, and we will have to
- 23 look at that as well.
- 24 JUDGE CAILLE: Would you speak just a little
- 25 bit more to that last point you made, Mr. Sells?

- 1 MR. SELLS: As I understand it, the holder of
- 2 a G permit has to charge rates, whether they are via
- 3 contract or anything else, which are remunerative, that
- 4 allow that company to stay in business, and that the
- 5 fear being, of course, that the solid waste side of a
- 6 business may be supporting a nonsolid waste side or
- 7 vice versa, for that matter. It's certainly not as big
- 8 a deal in a contract case as it is for a G certificate,
- 9 but I think it's a part of it.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Thank you. Mr. Moorer?
- 11 MR. MOORER: In Mr. Sells' complaint, he
- 12 mentions the issue of bill of sale, and he just gave an
- 13 explanation as to why he believed the compensation
- 14 and/or remuneration should disclose and as a reason for
- 15 not granting transfer of a permit.
- 16 However, he did not state a specific legal
- 17 argument that I heard, and I would suggest that that
- 18 item be struck from those issues being presented at the
- 19 hearing.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Sells, were you by your
- 21 argument or by your comment meaning to raise an issue
- 22 of the amount of the sale or the transfer, because I
- 23 don't believe that is part of it.
- MR. SELLS: I wasn't making an argument. I
- 25 was making some comments. I think it's important for

- 1 the Commission to know not just that this permit is
- 2 being transferred but what is the consideration of the
- 3 transfer. I don't know that. It may not become an
- 4 argument at all once I find out.
- 5 MR. MOORER: Judge, that argument then
- 6 shouldn't be part of the protest.
- 7 JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Moorer, are you saying
- 8 that that issue about the consideration that was
- 9 exchanged for the transfer should not be part of the
- 10 process; is that what you are saying?
- 11 MR. MOORER: That is what I'm saying.
- 12 JUDGE CAILLE: But I did see that in one of
- 13 the Protestant's...
- MR. MOORER: It was an issue, and in the
- 15 protest, I might also point out that it was not listed
- 16 as a requirement of law for the transfer of the permit.
- 17 JUDGE CAILLE: I believe you are correct, but
- 18 I'm going to just verify that with the attorney general
- 19 here.
- 20 MS. WATSON: I don't think that having the
- 21 information about the actual sales price, that sort of
- 22 thing, is required. What the Commission needs to know
- 23 is whether there is a bill of sale with an intent to
- 24 transfer, whether it's a valid transfer, and obviously,
- 25 they can't transfer a G permit without permission from

- 1 the Commission.
- 2 And just to throw Staff's two cents into this
- 3 discussion, we will admit it's the fit, willing, and
- 4 able to serve prong that's the most prominent issue in
- 5 this case. That's where most of our focus will be.
- 6 The Protestants bring up the issue of dormancy and
- 7 abandonment, and if that's something that they can
- 8 show, then that would be an issue. I don't know that
- 9 they can. I'm not making any comments on that at this
- 10 point.
- 11 We do have a little bit of concern when the
- 12 Protestants start talking about the nature of the goods
- 13 being transported. What we would like to make certain
- 14 is that we are not litigating whether this service is
- 15 required by the public necessity, because that was
- 16 litigated when the permit was originally issued, I
- 17 believe, in 1991. So we just want to make certain that
- 18 we are focusing on the issue at hand, which is the
- 19 transfer of a permit.
- 20 MR. SELLS: That's absolutely correct, Your
- 21 Honor. I think what the Protestants are indicating
- 22 there is that we are not absolutely certain that a
- 23 G Permit is required for all the items that are being
- 24 transferred here, and it probably isn't, and having
- 25 said that, it's probably going to benefit the Applicant

- 1 at some point if we bring that up, but we just want to
- 2 be clear on that.
- 3 As far as the issue of the compensation for
- 4 the permit, I guess if I ask that question in hearings
- 5 and he objects, then we will find out if it's proper.
- 6 JUDGE CAILLE: That's fine. The next thing I
- 7 would like to discuss is a hearing, and I actually was
- 8 not thinking that we would need prefiled testimony in
- 9 this kind of case. So pretty much I just need to know
- 10 when the Applicant and the Protestants will be ready to
- 11 hold a hearing. Did you have some date in mind?
- MR. MOORER: Depending on any evidence and/or
- 13 witnesses that the Protestants would expect to have
- 14 participate at that hearing, barring qualifying that,
- 15 we would be prepared to have a hearing any time in the
- 16 next couple of weeks.
- JUDGE CAILLE: Mr. Moorer, we are not
- 18 laughing at you. It's just that things don't happen
- 19 that quickly here, and also, I am aware that Staff
- 20 isn't available for the rest of the month and I am gone
- 21 for a week this month as well.
- I think what we need to do is go off the
- 23 record, and we will discuss how we put together a
- 24 schedule, what we look at in order to prepare a
- 25 hearing. Let's go off the record for a few minutes.

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- 1 (Recess.)
- JUDGE CAILLE: We've had an off-record
- 3 discussion trying to set a date as quickly as possible
- 4 for this hearing, and we have succeeded in selecting
- 5 July 29th in Yakima, and since we have so many
- 6 witnesses, we are going to begin that hearing at eight
- 7 in the morning and go until it's completed.
- 8 So with that said, I would encourage the
- 9 parties during this discovery process, if they find
- 10 there is a way to settle this matter or reach some
- 11 accord to please do so or call upon the Commission to
- 12 assist you with that. I will be entering a prehearing
- 13 conference order which will state pretty much
- 14 everything we discussed today that is relevant and set
- 15 out the schedule.
- 16 Normally in cases like this, I do not have a
- 17 prehearing conference prior to the hearing. I will
- 18 just tell you that you will need to bring copies of all
- 19 your exhibits, three copies of all your exhibits that
- 20 you intend to put into the record, and I will also put
- 21 that into the prehearing conference order.
- MS. WATSON: Could we request that we have a
- 23 date set that we are supposed to provide a witness list
- 24 and exhibit list?
- JUDGE CAILLE: That's a good idea.

- 1 MS. WATSON: Maybe about a week before?
- 2 JUDGE CAILLE: Yes. Would that work? So on
- 3 the 22nd, would you be able to submit an exhibit list
- 4 and a witness list?
- 5 MR. HAFFNER: Yes.
- 6 JUDGE CAILLE: I'll add that to the order as
- 7 well.
- 8 I'll remind everybody if we are going to need
- 9 any documents that you might file with the Commission,
- 10 and this is not the exhibits. I only need three copies
- 11 of the exhibits, but anything that is a motion or a
- 12 pleading, we will need seven copies for internal
- 13 distribution, and please remember that all filings must
- 14 be made with the Commission's secretary by mail or by
- 15 delivery, and I will put the address in the prehearing
- 16 conference order.
- 17 I will refer you to WAC 480-07-140, 145, and
- 18 150 that cover communicating with the Commission and
- 19 filing and service of documents. I think that covers
- 20 everything. Is there anything from any of the parties?
- 21 MR. HAFFNER: One thing, Your Honor. Just to
- 22 clarify, in the Application under Section 3, it says
- 23 that -- the question is, Is this an application under a
- 24 contract, and the Applicant said no. Obviously, it is
- 25 a yes, and the docket correctly said it was a contract

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- 1 application, but there was also the question of whether
- 2 they would be adopting or filing -- they've now
- 3 supplied us with contracts with price sheets. I just
- 4 want to clarify. These are the price sheets that this
- 5 application is going to be seeking to provide, and
- 6 there is not some existing contract that they are
- 7 adopting; is that correct?
- 8 JUDGE CAILLE: Can you respond to that
- 9 Mr. Moorer or Mr. Burke?
- MR. MOORER: That's correct.
- 11 MR. HAFFNER: One other question, was there
- 12 ever a contract on file with Haney and the Commission?
- MR. MOORER: Yes.
- MR. HAFFNER: Thank you.
- 15 JUDGE CAILLE: Anything further? Thank you
- 16 for coming, and this meeting is adjourned.
- 17 (Prehearing conference concluded at 2:54 p.m.)

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