

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION)	DOCKET NO. TO-011472
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Complainant,)	
)	EIGHTEENTH SUPPLEMENTAL
v.)	ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR
)	AN EXTENSION OF TIME
OLYMPIC PIPE LINE COMPANY)	
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Respondent.)	
.....)	

- 1 On August 21, 2002, the Commission received a request from Olympic Pipe Line Company for a two-week extension to file responsive briefs until September 11, 2002. Olympic states that Tosco and Commission Staff do not oppose the request. Olympic also states if granted, it will waive the statutory suspension period two weeks to October 15, 2002.
- 2 On August 22, 2002, Tesoro filed with the Commission a letter opposing Olympic's request for an extension and waiver of suspension period.
- 3 Olympic's request is based principally on the total number of pages in other parties' briefs to respond to. The number of pages has been a matter of simple mathematics since the session in which brief length and the schedule were established. Mere length does not of itself result in hardship. Olympic refers to other scheduling matters, but does not identify what they are, why they are unavoidable, or why Olympic's extensive legal resources cannot meet the established schedule.
- 4 Because Olympic's statement does not indicate that the showing of need for the continuance is unexpected or serious, and because a change in schedule would impose very difficult rescheduling requirements on the Commission, the request for a two-week extension of time to file answering briefs is denied.

DATED at Olympia, Washington and effective this 23rd day of August, 2002.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

C. ROBERT WALLIS
Administrative Law Judge