**Docket UG-121207**

 **Commission Investigation into**

**Natural Gas Conservation Programs**

**11/16/12 Agenda**

9:30-9:45 **Introduction/Rationale for Workshop**

9:45-10:30 **Avoided Cost Discussion**

10:30-10:45 **Break**

10:45-11:15 **Cost Test Discussion**

11:15-12:00 **Overall Policy Considerations Discussion**

**Avoided Cost Discussion**

**Question: Should a 10% conservation preference adder be required when assessing cost effectiveness of natural gas DSM programs?**

**Question: Given the uncertainty of long term natural gas price forecasting, should a risk adder be considered when assessing cost effectiveness of natural gas DSM programs?**

**Question: Should a range of values be used when assessing long term natural gas price forecasts?**

**Avoided Cost Discussion (continued)**

**In comments provided by Cascade, they suggest excluding fuel costs from the avoided cost calculation.**

**Question: Is this appropriate for natural gas conservation?**

**Question: Is the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) the appropriate discount rate to apply when assessing natural gas conservation program cost effectiveness?**

**Question: Because a large percentage of the measure costs and benefits are borne by the customer, should a different discount rate be used for those costs and benefits versus those borne directly by the utility (e.g., a bifurcated discount rate)?**

**Cost Tests**

**Question: What resources would it take to better populate the TRC with values for non-energy benefits?**

**Question: Please justify your choice of the cost test for analzying your Company’s supply-side and demand-side resources, considering that supply-side resource analysis does not consider the same scope of inputs as demand-side resources?**

**Question: Besides for low-income, do you recommend any other exemptions to the TRC? If so, why?**

**Question: If the TRC no longer governs, how would your Company use a combination of the UCT & PCT to ensure that the appropriate programs and incentive levels for natural gas conservations are chosen?**