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May 25, 1995

To: Parties interested in the WUTC's Notice of Inquiry entitled <u>Examining Regulation of Electric Utilities in the Face of Change in the Electric Industry.</u> Docket No. UE-940932.

The Commission was pleased to receive 17 sets of comments in the reply round of the initial phase of the above referenced Inquiry. We thank those parties for their thoughtful contributions to the Inquiry. A copy of these reply comments can be obtained by submitting the attached public information request form to the WUTC Records Center by mail or FAX (360/586-5614, FAX 360/586-1150).

Many important points and issues were raised in both the original and reply comments we have received. Two central themes have emerged. The first is the issue of broadening the array of choices made available to customers to meet their electricity service needs. The second is the preservation, under changing competitive circumstances, of the benefits of the existing electricity supply system. Among these benefits are: equity among customers, long-term reliability and efficiency, universal access, affordable service, environmental stewardship, and public involvement in electricity resource planning and development.

The Commission is challenged to address these themes in the face of an unprecedented expansion of opportunities and products in the power market of the Pacific Northwest.

We are continuing to analyze the volume of information we received in the first phase of the Inquiry and are charting a course and schedule for the next phase. We will notify all interested parties of that schedule and look forward to your participation and continued thoughtful contribution.

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To: Parties Submitting Comments in the WUTC's Notice of Inquiry entitled <u>Examining Regulation of Electric Utilities in the Face of Change in the Electric Industry</u>. Docket No. UE-940932.

The Commission was pleased to receive more than 35 sets of comments on the above referenced Notice of Inquiry. We thank those parties submitting comments for their thoughtful and useful observations, recommendations, and analysis. You will find attached a full set of the written comments we have received.

As the next step in our Inquiry process, the Commission offers all interested parties the opportunity to submit written comments in response or reply to the first round of comments we received. Such reply comments, bearing the above caption and docket number, should be submitted to Steve McLellan, Commission Secretary, no later than April 28, 1995. The Commission requests that commentors file an original and ten (10) copies of their written reply comments. The Commission also requests that an electronic version of your comments be provided on a 3 1/2 inch, high density diskette, with the format identified, or in ASCII text format.

The Commission intends to use the initial and reply comments to define the scope of issues to be addressed in this Inquiry. In early May we anticipate announcing the details of workshops and other meetings that will constitute the next phase of the Inquiry.

Again, the Commission wishes to thank all those parties participating in the Inquiry and looks forward to your continuing contributions.

Steve McLellan,

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