

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UM 1286**

In the Matter of	)	
	)	OBJECTION TO STIPULATION
	)	AND REQUEST FOR A
THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE OF
OF OREGON,	)	THE CITIZENS' UTILITY BOARD
	)	OF OREGON
Investigation into the Purchased Gas	)	
Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by	)	
Oregon's three local distribution companies.	)	
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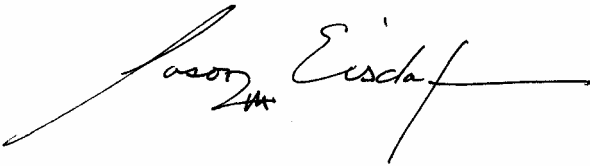
On May 2, 2008, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission, NW Natural Gas Company, Avista Corporation, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (Stipulating Parties) filed a stipulation purporting to settle all the issues in Phase I of this docket. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) objects to the stipulation, and the policies and mechanisms offered therein. Furthermore, CUB requests a prehearing conference to determine the remainder of the schedule in Phase I of this proceeding.

Initially this docket was envisioned as a series of workshops (Prehearing Conference Memorandum, January 17, 2007) followed by a series of comments filed by the parties. See, Interim Status Report to ALJ Power, September 6, 2007, and Letter to ALJ Power from David Hatton, September 25 2007. On January 4, 2008, Judge Power cancelled an oral argument to allow for parties to continue discussions in workshops.

During the course of the proceedings, it became clear that the parties would not

reach full consensus on the Phase I issues. There was a recognition that a full consideration of the policy choices in Phase I, especially as contested, would be best served in the context of a factual presentation. As a result, the Stipulating Parties filed their support of the stipulation in the form of testimony. CUB had asked for an opportunity to conduct discovery in order to examine the assumptions underlying the policies agreed to by the Stipulating Parties. At this point in time, there is a need to establish a schedule assuming a contested case format. We request the scheduling of a prehearing conference to determine the remainder of the Phase I schedule.

Respectfully Submitted,  
May 14, 2008

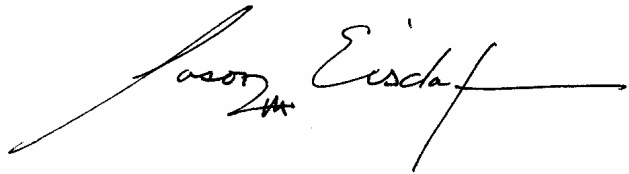
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2008, I served the foregoing Objection to the Stipulation and Request for a Prehearing Conference of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon in docket UM 1286 upon each party listed below, by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending 2 copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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