BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of	)	
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
	)	MEMORANDUM
	)	
Request for Authorization to Establish a	)	
Decoupling Mechanism.	)	

On February 1, 2006, a prehearing conference was held in the above captioned proceeding. The primary purpose of the prehearing conference was to establish a procedural schedule for the docket.

The following appeared in person: Michael Weirich and Ed Durrenberger, on behalf of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff); James Van Nostrand, on behalf of Cascade Natural Gas (Cascade); and Jim Abrahamson, on behalf of Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO) and Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (OECA). The following participated by telephone: Ed Finklea, on behalf of Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU); John Volknan, on behalf of the Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO); and Jon Stoltz, on behalf of Cascade.

CADO/OECA's Joint Petition to Intervene, NWIGU's Petition to Intervene, and the NW Energy Coalition/Natural Resources Defense Council's Joint Petition to Intervene were granted.

The following schedule, recommended by the parties, was adopted:

Petitions to Intervene and Requests for Issue Fund Grants Due	February 15, 2006
Settlement Conference[1]	February 21, 2006
Issues List Developed and Distributed to All Parties	February 23, 2006
Cascade Files Direct Testimony	March 1, 2006
Staff and Other Parties File Direct Testimony	March 29, 2006
Cascade Files Reply Testimony	April 12, 2006
Hearing (Details TBD)	April 21, 2006
Cascade Files Opening Brief	May 8, 2006
Staff and Other Parties File Reply Brief	May 24, 2006
Cascade Files Reply Brief	June 1, 2006

Dated this 1st day of February, 2006.

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Michelle M. Mhoon
Administrative Law Judge

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[1] For the convenience of parties, the adopted schedule notes the scheduled date for a settlement conference in this docket; this date is not considered an official procedural schedule date, however, and may be changed without notification to or authorization from the Commission.