

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 26, 2013

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ Not applicable

DATE: November 12, 2013

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Paul Rossow ^{PR}
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THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Docket No. UM 1631) Request waiver of OAR 860-027-0005 and 860-027-0015.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Northwest Natural's (Company) request to waive the first day of November Budget of Expenditures Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0005 and the December 31 New Construction Report filing date in OAR 860-027-0015.

DISCUSSION:

Budget of Expenditures Report

On October 21, 2013, Northwest Natural filed a request for a three and a half month extension of the filing date for its Budget of Expenditure Report. OAR 860-027-0005 states that "Each energy utility operating within Oregon and having gross operating revenues of \$50,000 or more per annum is required to file with the Commission on or before the first day of November of each year, a copy of its proposed Budget of Expenditures, on forms approved by the Commission."

New Construction Budget Report

In addition, the Company is requesting a one and a half month extension of the filing date for its New Construction Budget Report. OAR 860-027-0015 states "Each energy utility operating within Oregon is required to file annually on or before December 31 on forms approved by the Commission information on new construction, extensions, and additions to the utility's property."

The Company's fiscal year is based on a calendar year. As such, the data is not available to the Company until after the specified due dates, November 1, and December 31, respectively.

Staff has no concerns granting the Company's waiver request such that the Company files its 2014 Budget of Expenditures and 2014 New Construction Budget by February 15, 2014. While the extension for the 2014 Budget of Expenditures should have been approved prior to November 1, 2013, Staff has been in direct contact with the utility on this matter. In addition, approving this waiver request will not impact the Company or its customers.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Northwest Natural's request for a waiver of OAR 860-027-0005 and 860-027-0015 be granted.