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August 25, 2014

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Attn: Filing Center

Re: UG 278 – NWN OPUC Advice No. 14-16: Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical Rate Adjustments

As required by OAR 860-022-0017(4), enclosed is an affidavit attesting that notice has been given of the above-referenced filing, dated August 1, 2014. Affidavits of Publication and representative tearsheets from the major newspapers¹ in the Company's Oregon service territory are attached thereto.

Please contact me if you have questions.

Sincerely,



Kelley C. Miller
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cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC Consumer Services w/enclosures

¹ The Oregonian (Portland); The Statesman Journal (Salem); The Register-Guard (Eugene); and The World (Coos Bay).



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I, Kelley C. Miller, do hereby attest that notice has been given that NW Natural has filed for a rate change in NWN OPUC Advice No. 14-16/UG 278, dated August 1, 2014, and that attached to this affidavit are tearsheets of the notice as published by the four major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory, with accompanying Affidavits of Publication from each; said notice, titled "NW Natural Files Oregon Rate Changes," being duly published in *The Register-Guard* on August 12, 2014, *The World* on August 14, 2014, *The Statesman Journal* on August 15, 2014, and in *The Oregonian* on August 16, 2014.

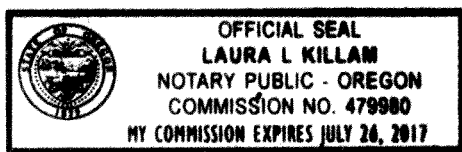
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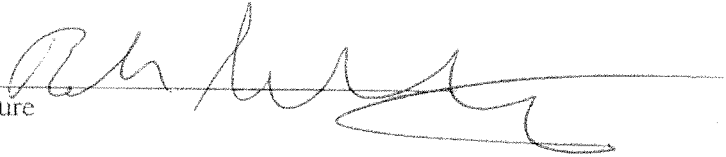
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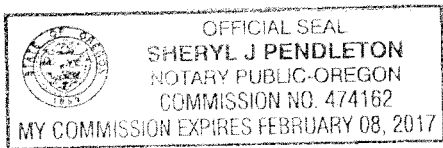
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Actor: Parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards

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Sunday. An emergency call from his house in Tiburon was placed to the Sheriff's Department shortly before noon Monday.

"This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken," said Williams' wife, Susan Schneider. "On behalf of Robin's family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin's death, but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions."

Williams had been battling severe depression recently, said Marc Roubman, his press representative. Just last month, he announced he was returning to a 12-step treatment program he said he needed after 18 months of nonstop work. He received treatment in 2006 after a relapse following 20 years of sobriety. In October 2006, Williams told ABC's Good Morning America that he had recently spent two months in Oregon, at the Hazelden Springbrook treatment center in Newberg, seeking treatment for alcohol abuse.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show "Mork & Mindy" through his standup act and such films as "Good Morning, Vietnam," the new, bare-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast and manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

He was a riot in drag in "Mrs. Doubtfire," or as a cartoon genie



Robin Williams starred as disc-jockey Adrian Cronauer in the 1987 comedy drama "Good Morning Vietnam."

in "Aladdin." He won his Academy Award in a rare dramatic role, as a therapist in the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting." He was no less on fire in interviews. During a 1989 chat with The Associated Press, he could barely stay seated in his hotel room, or even mention the film he was supposed to promote, as he free-associated about comedy and the cosmos.

"There's an ice age coming," he said. "But the good news is there'll be daiquiris for everyone and the ice Capades will be everywhere. The lobster will keep for at least 100 years, that's the good news. The Swanson diners will last a whole millennium. The bad news is the house will basically be in Arkansas."

At word of his death, eulogies, tributes from inside and outside the industry poured in. "Robin Williams was an airman, a doctor, a genie, a madman, a president, a professor, a dan-

garang Peter Pan, and everything in between. But he was one of a kind. He arrived in our lives as an alien — but he ended up touching every element of the human spirit. He made us laugh. He made us cry. He gave his immeasurable talent freely and generously to those who needed it most — from our troops stationed abroad to the marginalized on our own streets," President Obama said in a statement.

Following Williams on stage, Billy Crystal once observed, was like trying to top the Civil War. In a 1993 interview with the AP, Williams recalled an appearance early in his career on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson." Bob Hope was also there.

"It was so embarrassing," Williams said. "He was supposed to go on before me and I was supposed to follow him, and I had to go on before him because he was late. I don't think that



Williams on the set of "Mork and Mindy" in 1978.

made him happy. I don't think he was angry, but I don't think he was pleased.

"I had been on the road and I came out, you know, gassed, and I killed and had a great time. Hope comes out and Johnny tears over and says, 'Robin Williams, isn't he funny?' Hope says, 'Yeah, he's wild. But you know, Johnny, it's great to be back here with you.'"

Like so many funnymen, Williams had dramatic ambitions. He played for tears in "Awakenings," "Dead Poets Society" and "What Dreams May Come," which led New York Times critic Stephen Holden to write that he dreaded seeing the actor's "Humpty Dumpty grin and critically moist eyes."

cluded Robert Altman's "Popeye" (a box office bomb), Paul Mazursky's "Moscow on the Hudson," Steven Spielberg's "Hook" and Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry."

On stage, Williams joined fellow comedian Steve Martin in a 1988 Broadway revival of "Waiting for Godot."

"Robin was a lightning storm of comic genius and our laughter was the thunder that sustained him. He was a pal and I can't believe he's gone," Spielberg said.

More recently, he appeared in the "Night at the Museum" movies, playing President Theodore Roosevelt in the comedies in which Ben Stiller's security guard had to contend with wax figures that come alive and walk away after a museum closes. The third film in the series is in post-production, according to the Internet Movie Database.

In April, Fox 2000 said it was developing a sequel to "Mrs. Doubtfire" and Williams was in talks to join the production.

Williams also made a short-lived return to TV last fall in CBS' "The Crazy Ones," a sitcom about a father-daughter ad agency team that co-starred Sarah Michelle Gellar. It was canceled after one season.

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and '80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the "Saturday Night Live" star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

Williams announced in 2006 that he was drinking again but rebounded well enough to joke about it during his recent tour. "I went to rehab in my country," he said, "to keep my options open."

Iraq: Obama welcomes new leadership

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government in Baghdad. U.S. warplanes carried out new strikes Sunday, hitting a convoy of Sunni militants moving to attack Kurdish forces defending the autonomous zone's capital, Erbil.

The recent American airstrikes have helped the Kurds achieve one of their first victories after weeks of retreat as peshmerga fighters over the weekend recaptured two towns near Erbil.

Haidar al-Ibadi, the deputy speaker of parliament from al-Maliki's Shiite Dewa party, was selected by President Fouad Masoum to be the new prime minister and was given 30 days to present a new government to lawmakers for approval.

U.S. President Obama called al-Ibadi's nomination a "promising step forward" and he urged "all Iraqi political leaders to work peacefully through the political process."

But al-Maliki, who has been in power for eight years, defiantly rejected al-Ibadi's nomination as prime minister. In a speech after midnight Sunday, he accused Masoum of blocking his reappointment as prime minister and carrying out "a coup against the constitution and the political process."

In another speech broadcast Monday night, al-Maliki insisted al-Ibadi's nomination "runs against the constitutional procedures" and he accused the United States of siding with political forces "who have violated the constitution."

"Today we are facing a grave constitutional breach and we have appealed and we have the proof that we are the largest bloc," al-Maliki said.

"We assure all the Iraqi people and the political groups that there is no importance or value in this nomination," he added.

But despite angry insisting he should be nominated for a third term, al-Maliki has lost some support with the main coalition of Shiite parties. His critics say al-Maliki contributed to Iraq's political crisis by monopolizing power and pursuing a sectarian agenda that alienated the country's Sunni and Kurdish minorities.

In welcoming the new Iraqi leadership amid the country's worst crisis since U.S. troops withdrew in

2011, Obama said the only lasting solution is the formation of an inclusive government.

"These have been difficult days in Iraq," Obama said while on vacation at Martha's Vineyard. "I'm sure there are going to be difficult days ahead."

The nomination of al-Ibadi came hours after al-Maliki deployed his elite security troops to the streets of Baghdad. Hundreds of his supporters were escorted to a popular rally site by military trucks, raising fears he might try to stay in power by force.

"We are with you, al-Maliki," they shouted, waving posters of him as they sang and danced.

Al-Ibadi, the former minister of communications from 2003-04, pledged to form a government to "protect the Iraqi people."

He was nominated after receiving the majority of votes from lawmakers within the Iraqi National Alliance, a coalition of Shiite parties.

A peaceful transition is looking increasingly unlikely, given al-Maliki's reputation for having replaced many senior Sunni officers with less-experienced, more loyal Shiite officers.

"One of the major concerns (the U.S.) had in 2010 is the degree to which al-Maliki was trying to coup-proof his military," said Richard Brennan, an expert on Iraqi special forces at Rand Corporation and former U.S. Department of Defense policymaker. "The U.S. worked hard with the military to make them understand that loyalty had to be to country, not to al-Maliki, but al-Maliki cut the forces to replace competent people with less-competent people loyal to him."

Vice President Joe Biden called Masoum to commend him for meeting a "key milestone" in nominating al-Ibadi. Prior to al-Ibadi's nomination, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry said in Sydney "there should be no use of force, no introduction of troops or militias into this moment of democracy for Iraq."

Kerry led a new government "is critical in terms of sustaining the stability and calm in Iraq," and that "our hope is that Mr. Maliki will not stir those waters."

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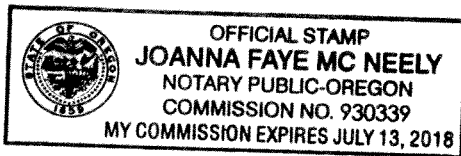
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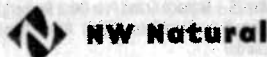
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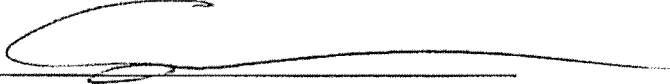
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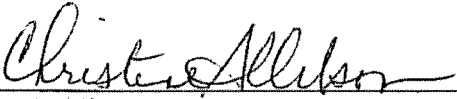
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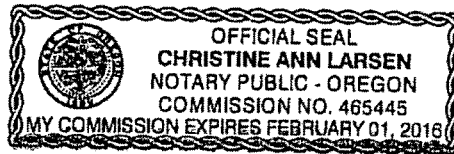
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Ousted executive sues Willamette University

By Laura Passerini
Staff Writer

A former employee of Willamette University has filed a lawsuit against the school, alleging that she was promised six years' employment but fired after less than one.

In her complaint, filed in Marion County Circuit Court on Monday, Erica Charbonneau claims she left an Oklahoma job, sought a house in Salem and moved to the community with her husband after being encouraged to put down roots by the university.

Charbonneau was hired in June of 2003 as associate vice president for development, a fundraising staff position. Prior to accepting the job with Willamette, she worked as senior director of development for the Oklahoma State University Foundation.

In the process of applying for the job with Willamette, Charbonneau signed the lawsuit, she was told by the university official who made the hire, Jessica Bergvall, that he needed her to make a six-year commitment before he could offer her the position.

Charbonneau said she told Bergvall, the university's vice president for advancement, that she needed the same commitment from him to which he agreed. Further negotiations resulted in a salary of \$145,000 per year, a \$10,000 signing bonus and an agreement that the university would pay for part of her moving expenses.

Charbonneau told her husband that Bergvall had made a firm promise of a 6-year commitment. The complaint reads in this context, Charbonneau and her husband, Carl Hatcock made the decision that Charbonneau would accept the position in Salem and would resign from his position in Washington and join Charbonneau in Salem.

MORE ONLINE

See this story at blogs.oregonjournal.com to read the full lawsuit.

Furthermore, the couple claims that Bergvall pressured them to purchase a house and that he encouraged Hatcock's relocation to the Salem area.

Charbonneau began working for the university on Aug. 4, 2003. The couple bought a home and, in February, Hatcock resigned from his job in Washington and moved to Salem.

But just four months later, Bergvall "abruptly terminated" Charbonneau's employment," according to the lawsuit. The suit said there was no reason for Charbonneau's termination based on her job performance, as she was "repeatedly praised for her performance by members of the Willamette community."

Charbonneau and Hatcock both filed the complaint against Willamette for breaching the implied-in-fact contract, fraudulent misrepresentation and intentional infliction of emotional distress, and requested a jury trial on the matter. The suit also seeks a written contract stipulating Charbonneau's six years of employment. The complaint argues that it was an implied contract, made verbally, that was violated.

The complaint claims they are entitled to \$760,430 in economic damages, the unpaid amount of her contract, plus other benefits and bonuses Hatcock is additionally seeking for reimbursement of his lost wages in the amount of \$479,154.

Officials with Willamette University declined to comment on the case, citing legal and privacy issues.

Contact Laura Passerini at lpasserini@oregonjournal.com, (503) 399-6709 or follow at [Twitter.com/lpasserini](http://twitter.com/lpasserini)



Paul Cleary, director of PERS, will retire Dec. 1. The PERS board began searching for his replacement Thursday. STAFF PHOTO BY JAMES PYLE

PERS board begins search for director

Paul Cleary will retire in December after 10 years with PERS

By Hannah Hoffman
Staff Writer

Wanted: Executive director to lead state agency that manages one of the largest, most complex and sometimes controversial public pension plans in the country. Must have excellent writing skills, patience with politicians and the ability to cope with rain.

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The Public Employees Retirement System is losing its executive director of the past decade, Paul Cleary, on Dec. 1. The board began the process to replace him on Thursday and Cleary played a big role in helping create the search for his replacement.

The job posting, recruiting and application process will take about a month, according to the schedule the board adopted. It hopes to have a set of candidates selected for the board to interview by late September, with the board interviewing candidates and voting on its selection during its Sept. 26 meeting.

The new director would start Nov. 1. The new director must have at least eight years of management experience that includes developing program or agency policies, development of goals and plans, program evaluation and budget preparation.

The board is looking for someone who understands retirement principles and investments, has completed relevant graduate-level studies, and has extensive experience in communication, agency leadership and budgeting. The job description places a heavy

emphasis on finding someone who can work with difficult personalities and is able to bring the best candidates will have experience in "interpersonal relations, negotiation and problem solving techniques" and experience as a skilled consensus builder working with multiple stakeholders often with competing interests.

PERS is often a hot issue politically, and countless fights have ensued over it. For example, the Oregon Legislature was called back into a special session last year to complete work making cuts to benefits after Gov. John Kitzhaber decided it was necessary to fully fund the K-12 school system.

The bills the legislature passed are now being challenged before the Oregon Supreme Court. The new director will not be required to have experience in the retirement industry, Cleary said. It had been discussed, but the board realized Cleary himself would never have been hired had it been a requirement 10 years ago, and it didn't want to rule out other candidates with the necessary leadership skills.

The pay range set for the position is low compared to national trends, Cleary said. The top of the range is about in the middle of national averages for similar positions, and some board members worried the pay might deter qualified candidates.

However, Cleary noted the state has fixed pay ranges and can't deviate far from its budget. Candidates will know about the pay up front, he said, and consider it when they apply.

The next PERS board meeting is Sept. 26 at 11 a.m. in Tigard at the PERS headquarters.

Contact Hannah Hoffman at hoffman@statesmanjournal.com, (503) 399-6719 or follow at [Twitter.com/HannahHoffman](http://twitter.com/HannahHoffman)



Willamette University is being sued for breach of contract, lawsuit petition says

Wash. police to citizens: Be careful what you tweet

By Donna Gordon Mackintosh
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Police in Washington state are asking the public to stop tweeting during shootings and other incidents, accidentally telling the bad guys what officers are doing.

The "TweetSmart" campaign began in late July by a coalition of nine agencies, including the Washington state patrol and the Seattle police, and aims to raise awareness about social media's potential impact on law enforcement.

Some have called the effort a ploy that could lead to censorship, others dismissed it as silly. Police, however, say it's just a reminder at a time when cell phones and social networks can hasten the lightning-quick spread of information.

A social media expert at the International Association of Chiefs of Police said that's unaware of similar awareness campaigns elsewhere, but the problem that prompted the outreach is growing.

All members of the public may not understand the implications of tweeting out a picture of SWAT team activity, said Nancy Kolb, who oversees the Alexandria, Virginia, organization's Center for Social Media.

"It's a real safety issue, not only for officers but anyone in the vicinity," Kolb said.

Kolb said she is not aware of any social media post that has led to the injury of a police officer, but she said there have been a few close calls. Other times, tweets have interfered with investigations.

In these cases, police tweet back and ask people to back off.

Kolb said other journalists generally respond well when the reasons are explained.

"It's not that they don't want the public to share information," she said. "It's the timing of it."

Social media speculation and reports challenged Boston police during the search for the marathon bombers.

Two recent incidents led the Washington State Patrol to organize the "TweetSmart" campaign: the search for a gunman in Canada after three officers were killed and a shooting at a high school near Portland.

"I saw it personally as far back as Lakewood," said State Patrol spokesman Bob Callina, referring to social media traffic during the manhunt for a man wanted for killing four officers in Washington state in 2009.

At the time, people speculated online about why police were combing a Seattle



Washington police are asking the public not to tweet during shootings and emergencies.

park while a search was on for the man, Callina said.

Callina said police agencies can do their own preventative maintenance with social media by getting information out there when crime is happening.

"We have to respond with a smart phone app or as fast as we respond with a gun," said Callina, who along with Kolb commended the Seattle Police Department for its use of social media.

Department spokesman Sean Whitcomb said they use social media to engage the public and believe that getting public safety information out quickly will help minimize rumors and speculation.

"We recognize there's a responsibility to use every tool at our disposal to keep the public safe," Whitcomb said.

Seattle photographer Michael Holden said he saw a direct path between asking people not to share crime photos and eventually forbidding them to take them.

Holden said citizens have good reasons to take pictures of police and he doesn't worry about criminal using social media to find out what law enforcement is doing.

"I think the criminals are probably having more pressing concerns than checking Twitter," he said.

Perry Almer, a teacher from Ephrata, Washington, said he's not sure why the public needs a reminder to follow common sense on social media. "They are putting their lives on the line for you," he said.

"It shouldn't be without saying: don't advertise what they're doing," he said.

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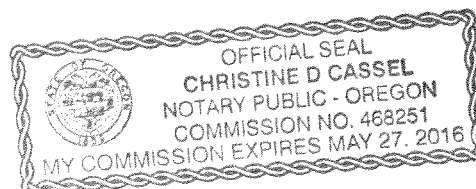
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Mother gets 5 years for deadly DUII crash

By Aimee Green
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Mattie Louise Spino barely looked up at the judge — instead, she looked mostly at the floor — as she pleaded guilty Friday to driving drunk and killing her 9-year-old daughter after falling asleep behind the wheel on Interstate 84.

As part of a plea agreement, Multnomah County Circuit Judge Eric Bergstrom sentenced her to five years in prison.

The 32-year-old was driving an SUV with her boyfriend and her five children inside when she dozed off, drifted into a sunken median and rolled on

Nov. 21, 2013. The crash killed Takesha Howtopat.

Spino's 7-year-old son was transported to Oregon Health & Science University with facial cuts. Spino also spent one night in the hospital with some injuries. The crash happened just east of Exit 17 at about 7:20 p.m. — as the family was traveling home to Dallesport, Washington, after spending a day on Mount Hood.

Spino's blood-alcohol level was 0.15 percent.

"There are no winners in a case like this," said Jeff Auxier, the deputy district attorney who prosecuted the case. "I know Ms. Spino feels a great amount

of remorse. She's going to feel that for the rest of her life."

Spino's public defender, Kasia Rutledge, said her client has experienced a lot of trauma in her life — including the death of her 11-year-old son after her arrest. He died when a boulder crushed him while he was hiking in Washington, Rutledge said.

Rutledge said Spino now has three surviving children.

Spino pleaded guilty to criminally negligent homicide, third-degree assault, recklessly endangering another person and driving under the influence of intoxicants. She is a member of the Yakama and Warm Springs tribes, and has been supported by tribal members as she works through her grief, her attorney said.

Spino's driver's license will be revoked for life.

Ex-Air Force sergeant settles suit with vets group for \$110K

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A disabled former Air Force sergeant who said federal security officers tased and struck him when he was trying to enter the Portland office of the Disabled American Veterans has agreed to settle his lawsuit for \$110,000, according to his lawyer.

William Bayes, 47, had filed his complaint in March against the government and four unnamed Federal Protective Service officers for the December 2012 incident. Bayes, who suffers from service-related post-traumatic stress disorder, said in his lawsuit that he was wearing a brace on each knee and was using a cane when the security officers assaulted him as he tried to go through security screening for an appointment.

Bayes filed suit in part to ensure that other veterans do not encounter the same kind of treatment, said his lawyer, Matthew McHenry. The parties reached a settlement last week, he said, and the government indicated it will review its procedures and staff training.

"He feels like we made a bit of an impact," McHenry said of his client. "He was heard."

According to the complaint, Bayes was putting items into a plastic tub to be run through an X-ray scanner when one of the security officers reached

into Bayes' pocket without his permission and pulled out a pocketknife.

Told that he could not have the pocketknife in the building, Bayes agreed to take it back out to his truck. As he started retrieving the items he put in the plastic tub, one of the officers yelled at him to get the "weapon" out of the office. Bayes left the building, placed two pocketknives in his truck and returned to the office, according to the complaint.

Bayes again started to put items into a tub for X-ray scanning, including his jacket, hat and the cellphone on his belt. He was about to remove a small flashlight and an empty knife sheath on his belt when one of the officers grabbed his left hand and cuffed his wrist, the lawsuit alleges. The officer told Bayes to turn around, put his hands behind his back and informed him he was under arrest for bringing a weapon onto federal property.

Bayes did not resist and stretched his arms out from his body to show he was not a danger. The officer released his arm, stepped away and yelled at Bayes to put his hands behind his back or he would be shot with a stun gun. The officer then deployed the stun gun but it misfired, the complaint states.

Bayes put his hands behind his back, but the officer again

fired the stun gun, successfully shocking him in the back. Another officer also pulled out his stun gun and struck Bayes' neck. As he lay on the ground, the complaint states, officers also struck him in the head and back as they handcuffed him. An officer stunned him again, this time in his left knee, which has metal screws inside and was in a brace, causing pain that was "nearly unbearable," the lawsuit alleges.

Officers took Bayes outside the building. He was taken by ambulance to OHSU Hospital for treatment of his injuries, the lawsuit states. While there, the officers cited him for assault of a federal officer, disorderly conduct and failing to conform with lawful direction — all of which were later dismissed, the complaint states.

For Bayes, who has served in the Middle East and has service-related disabilities in addition to PTSD, the incident "took an enormous physical and psychological toll, shattering the sense of respect and honor that, until that point, plaintiff felt he received for his service to the country," the complaint states.

The suit accused the officers of negligence, assault, battery, false arrest and Fourth Amendment violations and sought unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

NW Natural Files Oregon Rate Changes

NW Natural filed its initial request with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon for a rate adjustment to reflect gas purchases and other miscellaneous adjustments to rates for the upcoming year that begins November 1. The Company will update this filing in mid-September as part of the regulatory process. The Company adjusts these costs in similar filings every year.

HOW MUCH WILL MY GAS BILL CHANGE?

If the rate changes are approved as filed, residential rates will increase by about 3.6% and commercial rates will increase by about 6.3%. Large industrial firm rates will increase by 14.6%, and large industrial interruptible rates will increase by 16.4%; although the percentages for large industrial customers do not include the proposed decrease in pipeline demand costs. Residential customers using an average of 53 therms per month would see a monthly bill increase of about \$2.18.

WHY THE PRICE CHANGE?

The price change reflects a pass-through to customers of the gas costs NW Natural will pay over the coming year to its suppliers, a true-up of prior year gas cost purchases, and changes in other non-gas cost activities approved by regulators for inclusion in customer rates. If approved as filed, the Company's revenues from Oregon customers will increase by \$41,182,626 or about 6.1 percent. Of that, \$18,230,046 or about 2.3 percent represents the removal of previous temporary adjustments and cost of gas changes which are passed through to customers without mark up and which will not impact the Company's earnings.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FILING?

Copies of the filing are available for inspection at the Company's main office, and on the Company's website at www.nwnatural.com. For more information about the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, contact the Company or the Commission as follows:

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Justice Department files charges against local penny stock traders

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The stakes have become decidedly higher for two of the three local stock traders accused of running a penny stock pump-and-dump scheme.

A federal grand jury has indicted Alexander Hawatmeh of Salem on charges of conspiracy to commit securities fraud and money laundering. It charged Mikhail Galas of Vancouver with conspiracy to commit securities fraud.

Galas pleaded not guilty Thursday at his arraignment in U.S. District Court in Tacoma.

Hawatmeh did not attend the arraignment. He's been in the Lincoln County jail since April 14 on a reckless-driving charge. He was sentenced to 180 days and is scheduled to be released Oct. 10, a jail spokesman said.

The Securities and Exchange Commission on Aug. 5 filed a civil suit against them and two

others on similar charges of securities law violations.

Also charged in the criminal case and the SEC civil case was Christopher Mrowca of Bradenton, Florida.

Prosecutors allege the three men promoted the stock of ISM International, an obscure Clearwater, Florida-based company that claimed to specialize in "innovation, technology and manufacturing organic products," as well as green energy and film and television production.

ISML's only source of revenue was a flea market it operated. It consistently lost money, according to the complaint. Its stock traded for fractions of a penny.

While Hawatmeh, Galas and Mrowca allegedly sent out blast emails through promotional websites to boost the stock, federal prosecutors allege they were also buying hundreds of thousands of shares. By April 2012, Hawat-

meh had accumulated 2.6 million shares.

The trio allegedly engaged in a series of "matched trades," a strategy typical of stock promoters. By entering sell and buy orders at the same time, they can create the impression of public demand and trading volume for the stock.

In its civil complaint, the SEC alleges Hawatmeh, Galas and Mrowca and a fourth defendant not named in the criminal case made more than \$2.5 million on the ISML trades and other similar penny stock promotions.

Galas is a 25-year-old native Ukrainian who has lived in the U.S. since he was 4 years old, said Casey Arbenz, the Tacoma lawyer appointed to defend him. Galas was released on his personal recognizance.

He's been working on his own as a day trader, Arbenz said. A condition of his release is that he refrain from any activity in the stock market.