

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 30, 2014

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2014

DATE: September 12, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Paul Rossow ^{PR}

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Aster Adams

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Advice 14-18) Modifies Schedule 200, Promotional Concessions.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission allow Northwest Natural (NW Natural or Company) Schedule 200, Sheet No. 200-3 as described in Advice No. 14-18 to go into effect on October 1, 2014.

DISCUSSION:

On August 25, 2014, NW Natural filed Advice No. 14-18 to be effective September 15, 2014. The filing was made in accordance with ORS 757.205, Filing Schedules with the Commission. On August 27, 2014, the Company filed Supplemental A with a revised effective date of October 1, 2014.

With this filing, the Company proposes to add builders and developers to the available section of Schedule 200, Sheet 200-3. The proposed language ensures clarity in the Company's promotional activity offerings.

The second purpose of this filing is to provide notice, in accordance with OAR 860-026-0030, of promotional activity directed at builders and developers of multi-family buildings with a minimum of four units. The promotional offer is to run from the fall of 2014 through December 31, 2015.

The incentive amount per unit for the installation of gas-fired appliances is as follows:

- Up to \$500 for space¹ and water heating equipment;
- Up to \$400 for space heating¹ or water heating and gas cooking;
- Up to \$350 for space heating¹ or water heating;
- Up to \$150 for gas cooktop, oven, and gas clothes dryer

The actual incentive paid per unit will be determined by the Company on a project-by-project basis.

The program budget is \$500,000 with all program costs being accounted for below-the-line in FERC account 912, in accordance with OAR 860-026-0010.

Staff has reviewed this filing and finds the proposed requests acceptable.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

NW Natural's revised Schedule 200 tariff as described in Advice No. 14-18 go into effect on October 1, 2014, and acknowledge the notice of promotional activity directed at builders and developers.

NW Natural Advice 14-18

¹ Includes heat-rated fireplaces or wall heaters.