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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1720

In the Matter of
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba, NW NATURAL

Investigation into Long-Term Hedging
Policy.

STATUS REPORT

Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”) files this fourth status report to the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) regarding its investigation into the hedging practices of local distribution companies (“LDC”). The status of the docket has not changed since the last status report filed with the Commission, except that the parties agreed to give the LDCs additional time to develop a “strawman” proposal for hedging guidelines. The LDCs will send the “strawman” proposal to the parties for their review on or before August 25, 2016. The parties will then hold a workshop on September 12, 2016 to discuss the proposed hedging guidelines. The parties respectfully request that they be allowed to continue to work through the issues in this docket. If the parties determine that a prehearing conference is needed to schedule further proceedings in the docket, a request for a prehearing conference will be filed in the docket.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of August, 2016.

NW NATURAL

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