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August 16, 2016

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
Attn: PUC Filing Center  
201 High Street SE, Suite 101  
Post Office Box 1088  
Salem, OR 97308-1088

**Re: UG 313 – NW Natural’s OPUC Advice No. 16-17  
Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical Adjustments Affidavits of Publication  
and Tearsheets**

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (“NW Natural” or the “Company”) files herewith as required by OAR 860-022-0017(4), an affidavit attesting that notice has been given of the above referenced filing dated July 29, 2016, and the Affidavits of Publication and tearsheets from the major newspapers<sup>1</sup> in the Company’s Oregon service territory.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503.226.4211 ext. 3589.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Shannon L. Seagondollar*

Shannon L. Seagondollar  
Rates & Regulatory Specialist 3  
NW Natural

Attachments

cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC Consumer Services

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



## AFFIDAVIT

I, Shannon L. Seagondollar, do hereby attest notice has been given that NW Natural has filed for a rate change in NW Natural's OPUC Advice Filing No. 16-17 / UG 313 dated July 29, 2016.

Attached to this affidavit are the 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 to Reduce Rates in Oregon", being duly published in *The Oregonian* on August 10, 2016, the *Statesman Journal* on August 10, 2016, *The Register-Guard* on August 9, 2016, and *The World* on August 10, 2016.

DATED at Portland, Oregon, this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August 2016.

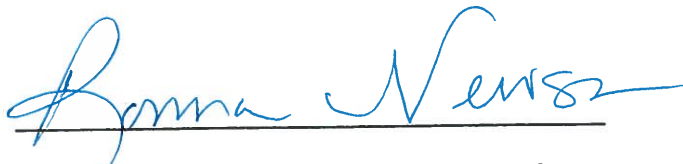


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This instrument was acknowledged before me on August 16, 2016 by Shannon Seagondollar.



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I, **Alison Harmon**, being first duly sworn depose and say that I am the Principal Clerk of The Publisher of **The Oregonian**, a newspaper of general circulation, published at **Portland, in Multnomah County, Oregon**; that I know from my personal knowledge that the advertisement, a printed copy of which is hereto annexed, was published in the entire issue of the said newspaper in the following issues:

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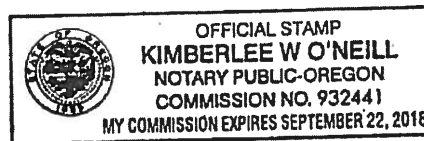
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this date: 10<sup>th</sup> Day of August 2016

*Kimberlee W O'Neill*

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A6 | Wednesday, August 10, 2016 | The Oregonian

METRO NORTHWEST

NEWSMAKER | Ryan Bundy

Oregon standoff defendant Ryan Bundy was involved in a physical confrontation with sheriff's deputies Tuesday morning after he refused to let them handcuff him to take him out of the downtown jail for part of the day, a Multnomah County jail spokesman said.

When jail deputies went to Bundy's cell in the Multnomah County Detention Center to escort him to U.S. marshals, Bundy didn't want to go, said Capt. Steve Alexander. Bundy argued with a sergeant, who was trying to handcuff him, when Bundy "spun around" and the sergeant took him to the floor, Alexander said. Several deputies assisted in ultimately handcuffing Bundy.

Bundy was then taken to his intended destination and returned to jail later in the day, Alexander said. He didn't know where Bundy was going.

U.S. marshals declined comment about where Bundy went, and the federal prosecutor's office declined comment. U.S. District Court records don't show any hearings scheduled Tuesday. Bundy is representing himself, but his staidly defense counsel Lisa Ludwig declined to comment.

It's not the first time Bundy has tangled with his handlers. In April, deputies found a rope of tom sheets braided together and hid-



Bundy

den under his mattress in the county jail and accused him of trying to escape, though formal charges weren't brought. Bundy, a rancher, said he was practicing his rope-braiding skills.

This time, Alexander said, Bundy is being written up for administrative violations for allegedly failing to follow orders, behaving in a "threatening" or "assaultive" manner and fighting with staff.

Alexander said an administrative hearing will be held in three days, and if the hearing officer finds that Bundy stepped out of line, his privileges in jail will be affected.

— *Alrice Green*

M97 supporters, foes fill coffers for fall campaign

By Hillary Borrad  
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Fundraising for the expensive battle over a corporate tax measure on the November ballot has started to pick up, with supporters last week reporting \$1.5 million in donations by two public employee unions.

On Friday the Service Employees International Union and the Oregon Education Association each gave \$750,000 to a newly formed campaign committee backing Measure 97. That brings the total raised by supporters to more than \$2 million, according to state campaign finance records for the campaign's various political action committees. So far, the campaign has not reported spending any of the latest contributions.

Meanwhile, the campaign to defeat Measure 97 reported raising \$5.5 million by the end of July, with some of the largest donations from automobile dealers, Phillips 66 oil company and Cambia Health Solutions. If supporters and opponents raise sums similar to at least one previous Oregon ballot fight, the combined total could reach \$30 million.

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above \$25 million.

Supporters of the measure say it would require the Legislature to spend more money on early childhood and K-12 education, health care and senior services. However, last week a lawyer for the Legislature issued an opinion that lawmakers could spend the money as they please simply by passing routine budget bills.

Katherine Driessen, a spokeswoman for both the Yes on 97 campaign and the union-backed group Our Oregon, which launched the proposal, referred questions about fundraising goals to Benjamin Gerritz, a case manager and counselor with the nonprofit Cascade Aids Project who is also speaking for the campaign.

Gerritz declined to comment on the campaign's fundraising goals, but said

supporters have another invaluable resource.

"There's thousands of us who are going to be volunteering as much time as we can all across the state of Oregon to get this ballot measure passed," Gerritz said.

Pat McCormick, a spokesman for the campaign to defeat Measure 97, said it's simpler for the Yes on 97 campaign to raise money because most of the funds will come from a couple of public employee unions.

If history is any guide, the donations reported so far by both sides are a small taste of the contributions the groups will receive in the next couple of months.

McCormick declined to reveal the opponents' fundraising goal, but he said there are rumors that proponents expect to raise \$15 million.

There's reason to believe the Yes on 97 campaign could raise and spend that amount. In 2008, a political action committee associated with Our Oregon raised more than \$15.3 million to defeat seven ballot measures backed by conservative initiative activists Bill Sizemore and Kevin Mannix, according to state campaign finance records.

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SCHOOLS

Jay Leno to speak at PSU fundraiser

Comedian Jay Leno, former host of "The Tonight Show," will be the keynote speaker at Portland State University's fundraising gala Nov. 3, the school announced Tuesday.

Leno will headline the 17th annual Simon Benson Awards Dinner, to be held at the Oregon Convention Center.

PSU has pulled in more than \$9 million from the gala since 1999.

— *Andrew Thoen*

**CHARTER SCHOOLS LAW:** Teachers unions, parents and other groups are stung over Washington's new charter school law, a measure that was enacted last spring after the state Supreme Court struck down the old law.

The organizations say in the suit that the Legislature's effort to revive charter schools after the 2015 court decision didn't fix the underlying issue. They say public dollars needed for traditional public schools are still being diverted to privately run charter schools.

— *Associated Press*

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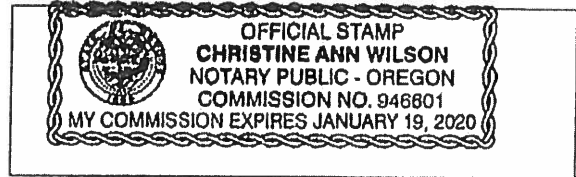
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Gayle Rastorfer

Subscribed and sworn to me this 15 Day of AUGUST, 2016

Christine Ann Wilson  
Notary Public for Oregon



# Elections director resigned amid workplace investigation

BY JEFFREY H. WILSON

PORTLAND Oregon's top elections officer was facing two investigations as he resigned from his post Monday. The resignation was announced in a letter to state records requested show that the latest investigation was completed just a week before the Secretary of State's office announced the resignation of Elections Division Director Jim Williams on July 29.

The more recent case

involves a temporary employee who complained that she was fired early because she declined an invitation to get drinks with Williams. The employee said Williams also regularly used a derogatory term to describe other female employees.

An Oregon Department of Justice report supported the employee's account of Williams's behavior but found no evidence that the employee's dismissal was tied to the allegations.

The secretary of State's human resources staff had investigated Williams months earlier, when a different female employee complained about his response to her problem, getting along with people who do business with the agency. The employee said Williams told her it was because she was younger and prettier, according to a Department of Justice report.

Deputy Secretary of State Robert Taylor reportedly counseled Williams and the employee about how to improve their working relationship.

Williams could not be reached for comment Monday in a July 29 email to staff at the Secretary of State's office, he denied avoiding the temporary

employee out for drinks, along with other allegations.

But Williams texted Taylor by July 18 and offered to resign. Taylor ultimately said that Williams would be fired if he did not resign.

Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins said Monday that the investigations weren't related to state elections.

"As the records demonstrate, the resignation of Mr. Williams did not arise out of actions or omissions that had any impact on the elections process or the responsibilities of the Elections Division," she said.

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## Mid-Valley briefs

### Salem man dies after swerving to avoid car

A Salem man died in a single-vehicle crash on Highway 126 near Belknap Springs on Sunday afternoon, officials said.

Kermit Lisle Jr., 64, was driving westbound on the highway in a 2011 Toyota Tacoma pickup truck towing a travel trailer when another vehicle traveling eastbound crossed the center line into his path, said Capt. Bill Fagare, an Oregon State Police spokesman.

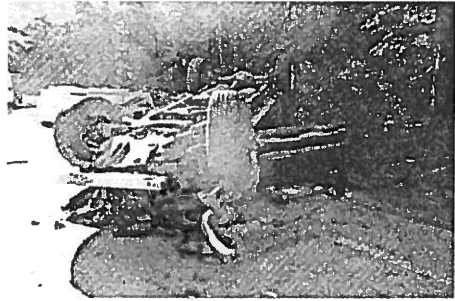
The preliminary investigation revealed the eastbound vehicle moved back into the lane, but Lisle lost control while trying to avoid a collision. His truck crashed into a dirt embankment, struck several trees and rolled over. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Fagare said the driver of the other vehicle, Leslie Wright, 64, of Wilder, Idaho, continued driving east but was located a short time later and is cooperating with the investigation.

— Whitney Woodworth

### Rockaway Beach put under health advisory

State health officials are warning visitors to



A pickup truck struck several trees and overturned Sunday afternoon, killing the driver.

Rockaway Beach, in Tillamook County, to stay out of the water.

Water samples show higher-than-normal levels of fecal bacteria, which can result in diarrhea, stomach cramps, skin rashes, upper respiratory infections and other illnesses, the Oregon Health Authority said Tuesday.

Visitors should avoid wading in nearby creeks, pools of water on the beach, or in discolored water, and stay clear of

water runoff flowing into the ocean.

Other activities such as playing on the beach, flying kites, walking or picnicking don't pose a health risk.

Increased bacterial levels in the ocean can come from sources such as storm water runoff, sewer overflows, failing septic systems and animal waste from livestock, pets and wildlife.

Children and the elderly may be more vulnera-

ble to waterborne bacteria.

For the most up-to-date information on advisories, visit the Oregon Beach Monitoring Program web site at <http://www.healthoregon.org/beach> or call 971-673-0400, or 877-290-6767.

— Tracy Leece

## Attention Students Interested in Agriculture!

With the help of an investment by the 2016 Legislature, the Burnt River School District, a small district in remote Eastern Oregon, has launched a residential learning opportunity for students.

The Burnt River Integrated Agriculture Science Research Ranch (BRIASR) program is an opportunity for high school students to participate in an experience that will enrich Agriculture and Science studies in a variety of natural resource settings. Students will live in a log home residence facility located on a working ranch in the heart of the Burnt River Valley and attend Burnt River Charter School. Currently there are a limited number of spaces still available for this fall. For additional information, please call Burnt River Charter School at 541-448-3336 or visit our website at [www.burntriver.k12.or.us](http://www.burntriver.k12.or.us).



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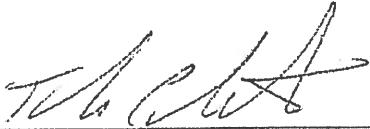
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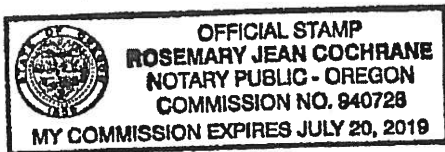
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Rosemary Jean Cochrane  
Notary Public



# Fire: Motel's second floor collapsed

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...er said. As the fire spread, the second floor collapsed onto the first floor.

The Hepburns' bodies were found beneath rubble around 4 p.m. Friday and the Shoemaker's bodies were discovered deeper in the burned rubble around 8 p.m. on Saturday.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation. The origin of the fire was determined to be in Room 103, which is a ground-level room.

Additional details surrounding the fire, including smoke detector operation, also remain under investigation. The Newport police and fire department are conducting the investigation, with assistance from the Oregon Fire Marshal's Office.

# Allen: Could take prize money, not endorsements

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during a question-and-answer session with members of the media. "Just as long as he doesn't sign any endorsement contracts until he's done with his medical eligibility, he'll be fine."

Allen won the 100-meter hurdles final at July's U.S. Olympic Track & Field Trials at Hayward Field, which would earn him a payout of \$10,000 as a pro.

The U.S. Olympic Committee pays out \$25,000 for gold, \$15,000 for silver and \$10,000 for bronze medals won by Americans. Allen will compete in the Rio Olympic preliminary heats Aug. 15 with the semifinals and final to be contested Aug. 19.

In order to maintain his amateur status, Allen did not compete for prize money at the recent TrackTown Summer Series meet. The meet after running in an exhibition with training partner Johnathan Cabral was understood to be an endorsement.

"I know I'll have some (sue) before the first race," Allen said in his first race in Rio, the 100-meter dash. "I'll be able to fix up everything and get back into it."

# PERS: 1,586 collect pensions topping \$100,000 yearly

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but it has since swelled due to the system's automatic yearly 2 percent cost-of-living increases.

## TOP 20 PERS RECIPIENTS AS OF JAN. 1, 2016

Here are the leading pension recipients in Oregon's Public Employee Retirement System, their current or former Oregon employer and their pension amount.

- Johnny Delashaw** — Oregon Health and Science University, \$661,354
- Mike Bellotti** — University of Oregon athletic department, \$536,895
- Neil Swanson** — OHSU, \$484,133
- Frederick Keller** — OHSU, \$405,533
- Roger Bailey** — OHSU, \$393,583
- Lasley Hallick** — OHSU, \$311,027
- Seven Geldschmidt** — Portland Public Schools, \$279,492
- Frank Anderson** — UO math department, \$262,500
- William Kerach** — Lake Oswego School District, \$250,677
- Peter Kahler** — OHSU, \$257,089
- Patric Van Hippel** — UO molecular biology, \$255,832
- Anthony Montano** — OHSU, \$253,091
- Edward Newell** — OHSU, \$251,509
- Nick Aletti** — UO athletic department, \$251,182
- David Kabat** — OHSU, \$249,717
- David Mouraud** — UO school of education, \$239,318
- Stanley Barnwell** — OHSU, \$243,273
- Bryan Peterson** — OHSU, \$242,553
- Dominick Verri** — UO school of law, \$241,246
- Gary Chido** — OHSU, \$239,823

The pension is funded by the public agency or agencies — federal, state, local governments or state agencies — the recipient worked for. Oregon's state and local governments are bracing for big increases in their mandatory contributions to the PERS system in the next two-year budget which starts in July 2017.

Delashaw, a neurosurgeon known for his expertise in skull base, neurovascular surgery, started to claim his PERS pension in September. He worked for OHSU for 20 years before leaving in 2012 for the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine. He moved back to his home state of Washington in late 2013 and now works for the Swedish Neuroscience Institute, which is part of Seattle's largest hospital chain, the Swedish Medical Center.

Roger Bailey, a still-practicing OHSU ophthalmologist, \$492,584, Edward Newell, a still-practicing OHSU neurosurgeon, \$451,509, Nick Aletti, former 100-pound defensive end, \$251,182, Stan Barnwell, a former OHSU neurosurgeon, \$243,273, Gary Chido, OHSU's former chief integrity officer and current interim OHSU dentistry school dean, \$239,820.

Under Oregon law, PERS retirees can continue to work for Oregon public agencies, typically for limited periods of time per year, and still collect their full PERS pension. A typical arrangement is less than 1,000 hours a year, or an average of 20 hours a week. Some spe-

cific types of employees can continue to work full time and also collect their PERS pension.

The top beneficiaries are the outliers in the PERS system. The average annual systemwide annual benefit is \$29,771 a year; the median is \$25,560 annually.

However, the number of retirees collecting six-figure annual PERS pensions continues to swell. Between now and retiring, the ranks and numbers are growing due to cost-of-living increases, there are now 1,586 people collecting PERS pensions that surpass \$100,000 a year. That's almost double the 837 pensions above that threshold in late 2011.

The latest calculations by the PERS actuary revealed last week showed that Oregon public agencies will have to shoulder an additional \$45.5 mil-

# Idahoan uncovers mammoth tusk

**The Associated Press** — A Columbian mammoth tusk was found by a 12-year-old Idaho boy while digging in a gravel pit on his property. Kasey Kasey of Preston said he first thought he'd found a plastic pipe when he noticed the object looked like bone. He called in the experts. Utah State University sent someone to inspect the find and determined it was a 356,000-year-old tusk.

Part of that increase was expected after the Oregon Supreme Court threw out some earlier rulings. Those rulings included a reduction in PERS cost-of-living increases, particularly on large pensions.

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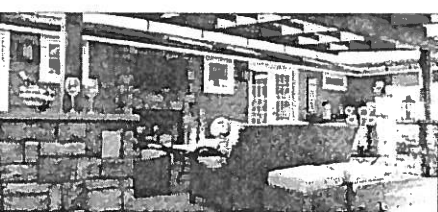
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