

ISSUED: December 7, 2005

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In The Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	RULING
d/b/a NW NATURAL,)	
)	
Petition for a Declaratory Ruling Regarding)	
Whether Joint Bypass By Two Or More Industrial)	
Customers Violates ORS 758.400 Et Seq.)	

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

On December 7, 2005, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) and Wah Chang requested an extension for the deadline for response briefs. Currently, the briefs are due December 8; the motion requests that the deadline be moved to January 18, 2006. The motion stated that a settlement had been reached, and NW Natural would soon file a motion to dismiss. NW Natural and Wah Chang state that the extension will give the other parties time to submit briefs on the motion to dismiss.

The motion also stated that Staff, Oregon Steel Mills, and Northwest Industrial Gas Users had no objection to the extension of time. The motion is granted.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 7th day of December, 2005.

Christina M. Smith
Administrative Law Judge