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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1744

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON

Application for Approval of an Emission
Reduction Program.

STATUS UPDATE

Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”) files this status update pursuant to Administrative Law Judge Rowe’s November 17th Ruling, directing NW Natural to file a status update and a proposed schedule agreed to by the parties, with any required authorization under ORS 757.539(7)(b) to further extend the Oregon Public Utility Commission’s (“Commission) deadline for issuing an order on NW Natural’s Application for Approval of an Emission Reduction Program (“Application”).

As requested in NW Natural’s November 16, 2015 motion to amend the procedural schedule, the parties to this docket held a settlement conference on November 19, 2015 rather than proceeding with a hearing on that date. Although a resolution was not reached at the settlement conference, the parties intend to continue to engage in settlement discussions. Following the settlement conference, the parties agreed to the following procedural schedule for the remainder of the docket:

EVENT	DATE
Hearing	December 18, 2015
NW Natural Post-Hearing Brief	January 8, 2016
Staff and Intervenor Briefs	January 26, 2016
NW Natural Reply Brief, and Staff and Intervenor Cross-Reply Briefs	February 10, 2016

Pursuant to ORS 757.539(7)(b), NW Natural authorizes the Commission to extend the deadline for issuing an order on this Application.

Respectfully submitted this 23rd day of November, 2015.

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