

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1565

In the Matter of) **NORTHWEST NATURAL'S UNOPPOSED**
) **MOTION FOR LIMITED SUSPENSION**
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF) **OF DOCKET UM 1565**
OREGON)
)
Investigation of Fuel Switching and Cross)
Fuel Energy Efficiency Issues.)

Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420, NW Natural moves the ALJ to suspend the schedule in this docket for a limited two-month period to provide Energy Trust of Oregon (ETO) with an opportunity to conduct a review of certain of its practices. NW Natural believes that a suspension of this docket is warranted because, depending on the outcome of ETO's review, the parties' positions on the issues in this docket will be affected and the Commission's decision-making process will benefit from ETO's review.

Before filing this motion, NW Natural contacted all the parties to seek agreement about the subject of this motion. This process was a success. Avista, Cascade, and NWEC agree that the schedule in this docket should be suspended on the proposed limited basis. PUC Staff, CUB, ETO, City of Portland, PacifiCorp, PGE, and ODOE have indicated that they do not oppose this motion.

As the ALJ may be aware, on June 15, 2012, the parties met to discuss the possibility of settlement. Although no agreement was reached, it was discussed that the ETO's Conservation Advisory Committee may be interested in reviewing certain of ETO's current practices, and that the resolution of that review could affect the parties' positions on the issues in this docket.

Several parties proposed that the docket be suspended for a limited time to provide the Energy Trust of Oregon with an opportunity to consider whether any of its current practices should be modified.

After the parties discussed a possible suspension of this docket, and the appropriate length of the suspension, many of the parties agreed that a two-month suspension of the schedule would be appropriate. A two month suspension will allow ETO's Conservation Advisory Committee to meet and consider ETO's current practices.

Once the ETO's review is concluded, the parties will have an opportunity to formulate their positions with the benefit of knowing the outcome of the ETO's review, and the Commission will have the opportunity to consider and determine whether any further action is necessary. NW Natural and the other parties who agree a suspension is appropriate believe that allowing the ETO to act first will provide the Commission with a better informed, more considered position from the ETO, and that the Commission will benefit from allowing the parties to formulate positions that are based on any update to ETO's practices.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2012.

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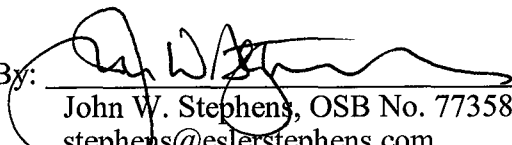
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