

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 28, 2014

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2014

DATE: September 17, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Docket No. UG 270/Advice No. 14-17)
Revises Schedule 184, A Special Rate Adjustment For Gasco Upland
Pumping Station.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission approve Northwest Natural's (NW Natural or Company) filing for a rate adjustment for the Gasco Upland Pumping Station.

DISCUSSION:

NW Natural makes this filing to apply the permanent rate effects associated with the \$2.5 million of insurance recoveries that offset the capital costs of the Gasco Pumping Station currently reflected in base rates, as stipulated in Docket No. UG 263 and approved by the Commission in Order No. 14-077.

The monthly bill of the average residential Rate Schedule 2 customer will decrease by 5 cents or 0.1 percent, and the monthly bill of the average commercial Rate Schedule 3 customer will decrease by 13 cents or 0.1 percent.

The number of customers affected by the proposed change is 563,128 residential customers, 59,508 commercial customers, and 825 industrial customers. The effect of this filing is to decrease the Company's annual revenues by \$442,992, or about 0.07 percent.

Staff Analysis

Staff has reviewed the filing and finds that calculations are correct. The rate decrease is spread on equal percent of margin. The Company has reviewed this memo and has no issues.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Northwest Natural's filing be approved and the associated tariff sheets be allowed to take effect on November 1, 2014.