PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON STAFF REPORT PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 18, 2016

REGULAR ___ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE ___ November 1, 2016

DATE:

September 20, 2016

TO:

Public Utility Commission

FROM:

Judy Johnson

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Docket No. UG 307/Advice No. 16-11)

Cancels Schedule 177, System Integrity Program (SIP).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Northwest Natural Gas Company's (Company or NW Natural) filing to cancel Schedule 177, effective November 1, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether NW Natural's request to cancel Schedule 177 should be approved.

Applicable Law

This filing is made in accordance with ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025.

Discussion

NW Natural has requested that Schedule 177 related to its System Integrity Program be cancelled, subject to future use, subject to the Commission's decision in Docket No. UM 1722. The Company asks that the Schedule be reserved for future use but Staff sees no need to formally do so. If the Company finds a need to reinstate the schedule in the future, the topic can be raised at that time. There is no revenue affect associated with the cancellation of the Schedule.

Conclusion

After a review of this filing and workpapers, Staff believes that the proposed rates are correctly calculated and applied. The Company has reviewed this memo and has no issues with it.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve NW Natural's filing to cancel Schedule 177 effective November 1, 2016.

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