

ISSUED: August 31, 2010

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1286

In the Matter of

THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

Investigation into the Purchased Gas
Adjustment (PGA) Mechanism used by
Oregon's three local distribution
companies.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

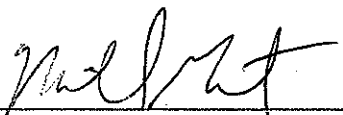
By motion dated August 31, 2010, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or the Company) requests a "waiver" of the deadline contained in OAR 860-022-0075(6) for filing its annual purchased gas adjustment mechanism (PGA). NW Natural asks that the Commission extend the PGA filing date from August 31, 2010, to September 2, 2010. In view of the shortness of time, NW Natural requests that the Commission consider its motion on an expedited basis.

According to NW Natural, the Company had been in the process of preparing its 2010 PGA for filing on August 31. However, on August 27, 2010, NW Natural learned that the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) was requesting that all local distribution companies (LDCs) implement a change in PGA procedures. Specifically, Staff requested that, instead of making one PGA filing, the LDCs make separate filings for each no gas-related element of PGA deferral. NW Natural states that it can revise its PGA filing in accordance with Staff's request, but not before September 2, 2010. Therefore, NW Natural requests that the Commission extend the deadline "for good cause shown."

By e-mail sent to the parties, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users states their support for NW Natural's motion. No party has filed an opposition to the motion.

For good cause shown, NW Natural's motion is granted. The date for Northwest Natural Gas Company to make its PGA filing is extended from August 31, 2010, to September 2, 2010.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of August, 2010.



Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge