ISSUED: July 11, 2012

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1565

In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

Investigation of Fuel Switching and Cross Fuel Energy Efficiency Issues.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR LIMITED SUSPENSION GRANTED

On July 6, 2012, NW Natural filed an unopposed motion to suspend this docket for two months. According to NW Natural, a suspension would allow the Energy Trust of Oregon's (ETO) Conservation Advisory Committee to review certain ETO policies at issue in this docket and decide whether they should be modified. The committee's conclusions, NW Natural argues, may affect the parties' positions in this docket. Thus, suspending the docket to allow the review would result in better-formulated positions and would give the Commission better information on which to base any decisions. NW Natural states that Avista, Cascade, and NW Energy Coalition agree with its motion and that the other active parties do not oppose the motion.

NW Natural's motion is granted. Staff is directed to file a status report by September 11, 2012. A prehearing conference will likely be scheduled after that date to discuss next steps in this docket.

The parties are advised that any changes to ETO policies or procedures resulting from the ETO's review must be filed in this docket for Commission review and approval.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.

Lisa D. Hardie Administrative Law Judge