

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1654

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Investigation of Interstate Storage and  
Optimization Sharing.

MEMORANDUM AND  
SUPPLEMENTAL  
BENCH REQUEST

On March 5 and March 28, 2014, NW Natural submitted responses to a bench request issued by the Commission on February 21, 2014 in this docket. This memorandum contains questions intended to clarify NW Natural's responses.

I direct NW Natural to respond to this bench request by June 10, 2014. All parties are directed to file pre-hearing briefs on June 24, 2014. Before June 24, 2014, I will schedule a telephone conference to discuss procedural matters related to the record in this docket. I instruct the parties to discuss the best method for introducing bench request and data request responses into the record, and to be prepared to discuss these issues at the telephone conference.

Because this supplemental bench request contains some confidential information, it has been designated confidential, and a hard copy will be sent only to the parties who have signed the protective order in this docket.

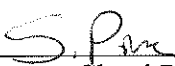
For purposes of this bench request, the Commission solely wants to understand the physical limitations on Mist Optimization transactions if NW Natural had made no shareholder investments in Mist in or after 2001.

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Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2014, at Salem, Oregon.

  
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Shani Pines  
Administrative Law Judge