ISSUED: July 22, 2015

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1722, UG 286

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON, Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs by Natural Gas Utilities (UM 1722)

RULING

and

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL, Request to Continue Schedule 177, the System Integrity Program Recovery Mechanism (UG 286)

DISPOSITION:

STATUS REPORT DUE AUGUST 21, 2015

On July 21, 2015, Commission Staff reported that the parties are continuing to work on developing a set of principles to guide the Commission's determination of whether to adopt a recovery mechanism for pipeline safety costs. Staff requests that the parties be allowed to continue to work together and file a status report by August 21, 2015.

I find that the request is reasonable and will not unduly delay the proceedings. The parties shall make a filing with the Commission by August 21, 2015.

Dated this 22nd day of July, 2015 at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Rowe

Administrative Law Judge