ISSUED: June 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 JULY 20, 2015

At the April 15, 2015 prehearing conference, the parties agreed to hold a workshop and then submit a proposed schedule for the remainder of the docket, or request a prehearing conference.

On June 19, 2015, Staff reported that the parties have had one workshop and are attempting to "agree on a set of principles that could guide the Commission's determination of whether to allow a recovery mechanism for pipeline safety costs." Staff requests we allow the parties to submit another status report by July 20, 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 July 20, 2015.

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

Michael Grant

Chief Administrative Law Judge