

ORDER NO. 16 161

ENTERED MAY 02 2016

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

CASCADE NATURAL GAS
CORPORATION,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED


On April 29, 2016, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed tariff sheets in Advice No. O16-04-01 to be effective May 30, 2016. The filing seeks a general increase in customer rates. We find good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the tariff sheets under ORS 757.210 and 757.215.

ORS 757.215(1) authorizes the suspension of a rate filing for a period not to exceed nine months. Although the statute contemplates that the maximum suspension would occur in two steps—an initial six-month suspension followed by a second three-month suspension if necessary—we conclude at this time that a full nine-month suspension is necessary to investigate this general rate proceeding.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. O16-04-01 filed by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation is suspended for a period of time not to exceed nine months from May 30, 2016, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective MAY 02 2016.


Susan K. Ackerman
Chair




John Savage
Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner