

ORDER NO. **16 399**

ENTERED **OCT 18 2016**

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 307

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Cancels Schedule 177, Purchased Gas Cost
Adjustment relating to the System Integrity
Program (SIP).

ORDER

DISPOSITION: STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION ADOPTED

This order memorializes our decision, made and effective at the October 18, 2016 Special Public Meeting, to adopt Staff's recommendation in this matter. The Staff Report with the recommendation is attached as Appendix A.

Dated this 18 day of October, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.

Lisa D. Hardie
Chair

John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: October 18, 2016

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE November 1, 2016

DATE: September 20, 2016

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Judy Johnson 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Marc Hellman 

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Docket No. UG 307/Advice No. 16-11)
Cancels Schedule 177, System Integrity Program (SIP).

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Commission approve Northwest Natural Gas Company's (Company or NW Natural) filing to cancel Schedule 177, effective November 1, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether NW Natural's request to cancel Schedule 177 should be approved.

Applicable Law

This filing is made in accordance with ORS 757.205 and OAR 860-022-0025.

Discussion

NW Natural has requested that Schedule 177 related to its System Integrity Program be cancelled, subject to future use, subject to the Commission's decision in Docket No. UM 1722. The Company asks that the Schedule be reserved for future use but Staff sees no need to formally do so. If the Company finds a need to reinstate the schedule in the future, the topic can be raised at that time. There is no revenue affect associated with the cancellation of the Schedule.

Conclusion

After a review of this filing and workpapers, Staff believes that the proposed rates are correctly calculated and applied. The Company has reviewed this memo and has no issues with it.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve NW Natural's filing to cancel Schedule 177 effective November 1, 2016.

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