

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

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In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	RULING
COMPANY)	
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Application for a General Rate Revision)	
Advice No. 02-19.)	

**DISPOSITION: REQUEST FOR EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION
GRANTED; OBJECTIONS TO MOTION DUE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2006**

On September 11, 2006, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed a petition to amend certain dates contained in Orders No. 03-507, 03-655 and 04-463. Specifically, NW Natural seeks to change the defined heating season in the Weather-Adjusted Rate Mechanism (WARM) from “Billing Cycle Ending dates from *November 15th* through May 15th” to “Billing Cycle Ending Dates from *December 1st* through May 15th.” NW Natural explains that this change is necessitated by the Commission staff’s (Staff) request that the company change the effective date of its purchased gas adjustments from October 1 to November 1 to allow more time to review proposed rate changes.

With its request, NW Natural attached a copy of a stipulation, dated August 15, 2006, in which Staff, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and the Citizens’ Utility Board support the company’s request to amend the orders. Due to timing issues related to adoption of the tariff modifications reflecting these changes, NW Natural requests expedited consideration and that any objections to the proposed change be submitted by Monday, September 18, 2006, to allow full consideration of the issues at the public meeting on Tuesday, September 19, 2006.

I find good cause exists for expedited consideration of NW Natural’s motion. Any objections to the motion must be filed on or before September 18, 2006.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of September 2006.

Michael Grant
Chief Administrative Law Judge