

ISSUED: March 31, 2005

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON

UM 1182

In the Matter of an Investigation Regarding)
Competitive Bidding.) RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTIONS AND PETITIONS GRANTED

On March 29, 2005, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) filed a Motion to Intervene Out of Time and a Petition to Intervene. In support of its motion, Cascade stated that specific issues relating to local gas distribution companies were raised after the deadline for filing petitions to intervene had passed. As these issues directly impact Cascade, it wishes to intervene in this docket.

On March 30, 2005, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW) filed a Motion to Intervene Out of Time and a Petition to Intervene. NW stated that it became aware of the potential application of the issues in this docket to natural gas utilities after the intervention deadline had passed.

Cascade and NW have sufficient interest in the proceeding, and their appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001.

The motion and petition are granted for both parties, subject to the filing of timely objections.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 31st day of March, 2005.

Kathryn Logan
Administrative Law Judge