

ISSUED: March 15, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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CASCADE NATURAL GAS)	RULING
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Request for Authorization to Establish a)	
Decoupling Mechanism.)	

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE SUSPENDED

On February 22, 2006, a motion to suspend the procedural schedule in this docket was granted to allow the parties additional time to reach settlement. A status report regarding the parties' continuing settlement discussions was due March 8, 2006. On March 8, 2006, Commission Staff requested additional time to try to reach settlement with Cascade Natural Gas and the intervening parties, including Community Action Directors of Oregon, Oregon Energy Coordinators Association, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, Energy Trust of Oregon, NW Energy Coalition, and Natural Resources Defense Council. Specifically, Commission Staff requested an extension until April 14, 2006. Commission Staff also emphasized that if settlement cannot be reached on or before April 14, 2006, Staff will request a prehearing conference to set the remainder of the procedural schedule.

The procedural schedule in this docket, including the hearing, is suspended until further notice. *See* OAR 860-014-0010. A status report is due April 14, 2006, which should contain either a settlement agreement or a request for a prehearing conference to set the remainder of the procedural schedule in this docket.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 15th day of March, 2006.

Michelle M. Mhoon
Administrative Law Judge