

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1635 (Phase II), UM 1706

In the Matters of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
dba NW NATURAL,

Mechanism for Recovery of
Environmental Remediation Costs (UM 1635)

and

Request for Determination of the Prudence
of Environmental Remediation Costs for
the Calendar Year 2013 and the First Quarter
of 2014 (UM 1706)

MEMORANDUM AND
NOTICE
OF
STATUS CONFERENCE

On July 31, 2015, the parties filed a stipulation and joint explanatory brief resolving the issues raised in NW Natural's application for reconsideration and/or clarification filed March 31, 2015 (and withdrawn on May 29, 2015). The limited information provided in support of the stipulation does not explain the ratemaking implications of the income tax obligation incurred by the company with respect to the insurance proceeds, as reported by NW Natural in its application for reconsideration.

I will convene a status conference with the parties to establish a full understanding of the tax issues as they relate to the stipulation and the original decision. The Commissioners may also attend. The purpose of the conference is to receive clarifying comments. I do not anticipate a need for additional evidence at this time.

The status conference is set for August 31, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. at the Commission's offices in Salem.

Dated this 12th day of August, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Patrick Power
Administrative Law Judge