

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1722, UG 286

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,

Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs
by Natural Gas Utilities (UM 1722)

and

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
dba NW NATURAL,

Request to Continue Schedule 177, the
System Integrity Program Recovery
Mechanism. (UG 286)

**STIPULATION TO EXTEND PERIOD OF
SUSPENSION OF ADVICE FILING**

Pursuant to ORS 757.215(2), Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural” or the “Company”) and the Commission Staff (“Staff”)(collectively, the “Parties”) enter into this written stipulation for the purpose of extending the suspension of NW Natural's Advice No. 14-23 in docket UG 286.

PARTIES

1. The parties to this Stipulation are NW Natural and Commission Staff (Staff) (collectively, “Parties”).

BACKGROUND

2. On October 21, 2014, NW Natural filed Advice No. 14-23, which seeks an extension of the Company's System Integrity Program (“SIP”), with an effective date of March 1, 2015. Subsequently, on February 6, 2015, the Company requested an extension of the effective date of Advice No. 14-23 to April 1, 2015.

3. In Order No. 15-093, the Commission suspended the advice filing for a period of six months to investigate Advice No. 14-23 and to open a generic investigation into the recovery of safety costs by natural gas utilities. In Order 15-281, the Commission renewed the

suspension of Advice No. 14-23 for a period of three months. The suspension is set to expire on January 1, 2016.

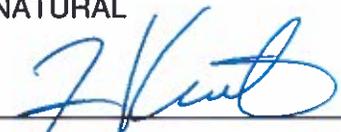
AGREEMENT

4. The Parties agree that the period of the suspension of NW Natural's Advice No. 14-23 should be extended until such time the Commission issues an order on the merits of Advice No. 14-23 in docket UG 286.

This Stipulation is entered into by each Party on the date entered below such Party's signature.

SIGNATURE PAGE TO FOLLOW

NW NATURAL

By: 

Printed Name: ZACHARY KRAVITZ

Date: 12/11/2015

STAFF

By: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____

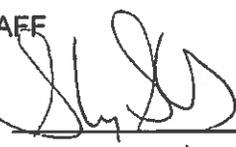
NW NATURAL

By: _____

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STAFF

By:  _____

Printed Name: Stephanie Andrews

Date: 12/11/2015