

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT**

PUBLIC MEETING DATE: December 18, 2017

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE December 31, 2017

DATE: December 11, 2017

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Mitchell Moore *MPM*

THROUGH: *I* Jason Eisdorfer and *JB & JC* John Crider

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS:
(Docket No. ADV 661/Advice No. 17-18) Revises Schedule 360, Industrial Demand Side Management Programs.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Commission approve Northwest Natural Gas Company's (Northwest Natural or Company) Advice No. 17-18, revising the tariff language in Schedule 360, to become effective with service rendered on and after December 20, 2017.

DISCUSSION:

Issue

Whether the Commission should approve Northwest Natural's Advice No. 17-18, which updates its tariff to clarify that Industrial DSM applies to an account instead of a Customer, and to clarify repayment calculation in the event of certain account transfers.

Applicable Law

ORS 757.205 requires each public utility to file with the Commission schedules showing all rates, tolls, charges, rules, and regulations that pertain to service performed by the public utility. Tariff revisions or corrections may be made by filing revised sheets with the information required under the Commission's administrative rules, including OAR 860-036-2000 and OAR 860-036-2010. Filings that make any change in rates, tolls, charges, rules, or regulations must be filed with the Commission at least 30 days

prior to the effective date of changes; however, the Commission has the discretion to approve tariff filings on less than statutory notice.

Analysis

The Company made this filing on November 17, 2017. It is primarily a housekeeping filing that makes the following changes to the Schedule 360 Industrial DSM tariff:

- 1) The revision clarifies that Industrial DSM applies to an account rather than a Customer. Previously the tariff language stated that Transportation Service customers were not eligible for service while the Customer may also have a Sales Service account which is eligible for service.
- 2) The revision also clarifies the repayment calculation in the event the account transfers from Sales Service to Combination Service or Transportation service within two years from the date the most recent incentive was issued. The customer will be charged a pro-rated amount based on the number of months that have elapsed since the incentive was issued.
- 3) Finally, the revision removes language regarding participation in Energy Trust of Oregon programs prior to September 8, 2010, as the provision no longer applies.

Conclusion

Based on its review of Northwest Natural's Advice No. 17-18, Staff concludes that the revisions to the tariff clarify an ambiguity about the availability of DSM to Combination Service customers and do not constitute a change to currently approved practices and charges, and do not materially affect the program. Accordingly, Staff has no objection to the proposed changes.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

Approve Northwest Natural's Advice No. 17-18 revising the language in Schedule 360, effective with service rendered on and after December 20, 2017.