

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 435

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR A PARTIAL WAIVER GRANTED

On January 11, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company filed its notice of publication, including declarations attesting that it had provided notice of its filing in docket UG 435. NW Natural filed a supplement to this notice on January 13, 2022, that provided a table with the size of the advertisements published in various local newspapers. In this table, NW Natural stated that the size of the advertisement in The Oregonian was three columns by nine and one-quarter inches. At the January 19, 2022 procedural conference in this proceeding, the ALJ requested that NW Natural make a supplemental filing regarding compliance with the applicable dimension requirements under Commission rules.

On January 24, 2022, NW Natural filed a petition for a partial waiver of OAR 860-022-0017(2)(a), which requires energy utilities seeking general rate revisions to publish newspaper announcements that are no less than three column standard advertising units wide by ten inches high. NW Natural states that the advertisement size it used is the closest to three columns by ten inches that The Oregonian offers. NW Natural requests this waiver under OAR 860-22-0017(6), which provides that the Commission may waive the notice requirements upon a showing by the utility that the required notice has been given and additional notice would be duplicative, confusing to customers, and burdensome to the utility.

RULING

I find that NW Natural has already provided notice substantially complying with OAR 860-033-027(2) and additional notice would be duplicative, confusing to customers, and burdensome to the utility. Accordingly, I find good cause to grant NW Natural's waiver request.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge