

**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  
(UE 435),

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable  
Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism  
(ADV 1215) (UG 411).

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO ADMIT MULTI-PARTY STIPULATION AND  
REQUEST FOR A WAIVER OF OAR 860-001-350(7) GRANTED**

On May 31, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a partial, multi-party stipulation resolving several issues in the proceeding, including revenue requirement and rate spread, on behalf of the following parties to the docket: NW Natural; the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon; the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board; the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; and the Small Business Utility Advocates (collectively the Stipulating Parties). On the same day, the Stipulating Parties also filed a motion to admit the multi-party stipulation into the evidentiary record, as well as a motion seeking the waiver of OAR 860-001-0350(7)(a), which requires that a written stipulation memorializing a settlement be accompanied by joint testimony or a brief supporting the settlement. The Stipulating Parties state that they filed the multi-party stipulation to immediately notify the Commission and interested persons about the resolution of these issues. The Stipulating Parties state that they intend to file the testimony on or around Wednesday, June 8, 2022.

The request to waive the requirement in OAR 860-001-350(7)(a) that a stipulation be filed with supporting testimony is waived. Any objections to the multi-party stipulation will be due within 15 days of the date the supporting testimony is filed. Additionally, the request to admit the multi-party stipulation into the evidentiary record is granted. If the supporting testimony is not filed by June 8, 2022, the Stipulating Parties shall file a status report on that date.

ORDER NO.

Finally, because the multi-party stipulation addresses several issues that are currently ongoing in other dockets, NW Natural shall file notice of the multi-party stipulation in each affected docket.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



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Sarah Spruce  
Administrative Law Judge