

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 2, 2014**

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ NA _____

DATE: August 22, 2014

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Erik Colville *aa for EC*

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer, Maury Galbraith, and Aster Adams *I* *mtg MG* *aa*

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. LC 59) Requests a waiver of OAR 860-027-0400(3) for an incremental 105 day extension for its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Cascade Natural Gas be granted the waiver of OAR 860-027-0400(3) to extend the filing date for its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from February 11, 2015, to May 29, 2015.

DISCUSSION:

On July 29, 2014, Cascade Natural Gas (Cascade) filed a petition under OAR 860-027-0400(3) in order to extend the filing date of its 2014 IRP from February 11, 2015, to May 29, 2015. The Commission issued Order No. 14-054 on February 18, 2014, extending the filing date from August 14, 2014, to February 11, 2015, pursuant to OAR 860-027-0000(2).

The current extension request was made so that Cascade would have additional time to improve its load modeling by dis-aggregating from the pipeline zonal level to the city-gate level. This change has required more effort than originally anticipated to complete. Staff finds no indication that Cascade has failed to diligently pursue the modeling improvement since being granted the initial extension. Staff agrees with Cascade that this more detailed load analysis will provide the Company and stakeholders better information to assess customers' capacity needs so that better informed decisions about meeting long term demand can be made. Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon is supportive of granting this extension. Northwest Industrial Gas Users did not express support or objection to granting this extension.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The request by Cascade Natural Gas for a waiver to OAR 860-027-0400(3) be granted and the filing date for its 2014 IRP be extended from February 11, 2015, to May 29, 2015.

LC 59 Cascade IRP filing deadline extension