

ISSUED: May 12, 2006

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

AR 499

In the Matter of the Adoption of Permanent    )  
Rules Implementing SB 408 Relating to        )  
Utility Taxes.                                    )

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

On May 11, 2006, the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU) filed a motion for an extension of time in which to file reply comments. In its motion, ICNU indicated that it had been unable to sufficiently prepare its reply comments, due in part to preparing its brief in docket UE 170, which is due on the same date as the reply comments in this docket. ICNU contacted almost all of the active parties in this rulemaking, and no one opposed the motion.

Generally, it is difficult to extend filing dates for comments in a rulemaking. However, final comments in this docket are due August 21, 2006. So there is no impediment to extending the May 15, 2006 filing date.

The motion for an extension of time in which to file reply comments is granted. Reply comments are now by noon on May 19, 2006.

Finally, Staff was to circulate a draft of proposed rules on May 17, 2006. Although not requested by Staff or any of the parties, I prefer that the reply comments be filed before the draft rules are distributed. Therefore, Staff will distribute the proposed rules, except for a rule defining “properly attributed” on May 22, 2006.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 12th day of May, 2006.

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Kathryn A. Logan  
Administrative Law Judge