

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY)	RULING
)	
Investigation Regarding Possible Continuation of Distribution Margin Normalization Tariff.)	

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO SUSPEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE GRANTED**

On August 2, 2005, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) filed a motion to suspend the procedural schedule. Staff stated that a conceptual agreement has been reached which resolves all issues in the docket, and that there will be no need for two rounds of testimony, a hearing and briefs. Although two of the parties are not expected to sign the stipulation, Staff represents that it does not expect opposition from those parties (Avista Corporation and Cascade Natural Gas). The parties anticipate that a stipulation and testimony will be filed in mid-August.

Based on the representations made by Staff, the procedural schedule set forth in the May 20, 2005 prehearing conference report is suspended. The stipulation and testimony is due on or before August 25, 2005.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 3rd day of August, 2005.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge