BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UG 344 Phase II

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

RULING

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: MEMORANDUM OF NOVEMBER 13, 2018 MODIFIED

On November 13, 2018, I issued a prehearing conference memorandum setting forth the schedule for the second phase of this proceeding. In that ruling, I stated that

In Order No. 18-419, the parties were directed to have further proceedings be concluded no later than February 1, 2019, to address the application of TCJA 10-month interim benefits to rates and the underfunded pension liability.

On November 14, 2018, Northwest Natural Gas Company with the concurrence of the Commission Staff, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, asked that the memorandum be clarified to indicate that

- the second phase would address all of the issues in the Second Partial Stipulation that were not explicitly adopted in Order No. 18-419;
- the resolution of the unrecovered pension balancing account balance, rather than the underfunded pension liability, was to be addressed; and
- the five business day (best efforts) turnaround on discovery was to be effectively immediately.

The request of the parties is granted and the memorandum of November 13, 2018, is modified accordingly.

Dated this 15th day of November, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow

Administrative Law Judge