

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1635 (Phase II), UM 1706

In the Matters of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
dba NW NATURAL,

Mechanism for Recovery of
Environmental Remediation Costs (UM 1635)

and

Request for Determination of the Prudence
of Environmental Remediation Costs for
the Calendar Year 2013 and the First Quarter
of 2014 (UM 1706)

RULING


**DISPOSTION: REQUEST TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FOR
RECONSIDERATION GRANTED**

On March 31, 2015, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed an application for reconsideration or, in the alternative, for clarification of Order No. 15-049, to address how the company should hold insurance proceeds in light of its tax liability. Commission Staff, Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon opposed the request for reconsideration, on the grounds that NW Natural had the opportunity to address the tax implications of its insurance proceeds before the close of the record. I instructed the parties to confer regarding the issues raised in the application.

On May 29, 2015, NW Natural filed a request to withdraw its application for reconsideration. NW Natural states that the parties have reached an agreement in principle regarding how insurance proceeds should be held, and they will submit a stipulation and supporting brief by June 16, 2015. The parties intend to request that the Commission amend its order pursuant to its authority under ORS 756.568. In light of the parties' agreement, NW Natural now requests that the Commission grant its request to withdraw its application for reconsideration or clarification.

NW Natural's request is granted. The parties' stipulation and brief, or a status report in lieu thereof, is due by June 16, 2015.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge