

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1635

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Mechanism for Recovery of
Environmental Remediation Costs.

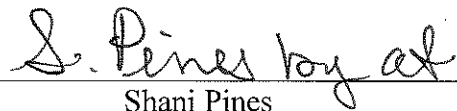
RULING

**DISPOSITION: EXPEDITED MOTION TO SUSPEND PREHEARING
CONFERENCE GRANTED**

On December 5, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon filed an expedited motion to suspend the prehearing conference currently scheduled for December 10, 2013. CUB requests that the parties have additional time to review the issues to be addressed in Phase II of these proceedings, and to prepare a proposed Phase II procedural schedule. CUB states that Commission Staff, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users, and NW Natural support its motion.

The motion to suspend the prehearing conference is granted. I will contact the parties next week to reschedule the prehearing conference.

Dated this 6th day of December, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.



Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge