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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**  
**OF OREGON**

UM 994

In the Matter of the Application of )  
NORTHWEST NATURAL for Approval and ) ORDER  
Authorization for Deferral of Office of Pipeline )  
Safety Operator Qualification Program )  
Compliance Costs. )

**DISPOSITION: APPLICATION APPROVED**

On October 20, 2000, the Commission received an application from Northwest Natural (NW Natural), filed pursuant to ORS 757.259(2)(e), requesting authorization for deferral of costs related to implementing its Office of Pipeline Safety (OPS) Operator Qualification Program, for accounting purposes.

Based on a review of the application and the Commission's records, the Commission finds that the application satisfies applicable statutes and administrative rules. At its Public Meeting on January 9, 2001, the Commission adopted Staff's recommendation to approve the application. Staff's recommendation is attached as Appendix A and is incorporated by reference.

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED THAT Northwest Natural's application for an accounting order regarding deferred accounting beginning October 20, 2000, for the first twelve months of its Office of Pipeline Safety Operator Qualification Program Compliance Costs, as described in Appendix A, is granted.

Made, entered and effective \_\_\_\_\_.

BY THE COMMISSION:

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**Vikie Bailey-Goggins**  
Commission Secretary

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to ORS 756.580.