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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of	)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	ORDER
COMPANY	)	
	)	
Application for a General Rate Revision	)	
Advice No. 02-19.	)	

**DISPOSITION: WAIVER GRANTED**

In Order No. 03-507, entered August 22, 2003 (Order), the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission) adopted the Stipulation (Stipulation 1) entered into by Northwest Natural Gas Company (NWN or Company), the Commission staff (Staff), the Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) and the Northwest Energy Coalition (NWECC) relative to the Company's Weather-Adjusted Rate Mechanism (WARM). On July 12, 2004, the Company submitted a Petition to Amend Order No. 03-507 (Petition). By the Commission's Order No. 04-463, entered August 16, 2004, the Amendment was approved.

On August 30, 2004, the Company's Administrative Assistant for Rates & Regulatory Affairs filed a letter indicating that "[o]ur intent was to mail the original signature pages once they were received.... To date, I am unable to secure the original pages. Two of the signing parties have misplaced the original page and Steve Weiss of Northwest Energy Coalition is unreachable. Therefore, I would like to request a waiver for the original signature pages and ask that the signatures delivered by facsimile be accepted for this filing."

**Discussion.** OAR 860-013-0065(1) provides that "Every pleading shall be signed by at least one of the pleaders, the pleader's attorney, or authorized representative." OAR 860-011-0000(6) provides that "For good cause shown, the Commission may deviate from or waive any of the rules contained in Divisions 011 through 014."

The purpose of a signature on a pleading is that it constitutes a certificate that the person has read the pleading; that, to the best of the knowledge, information and belief of the person, formed after reasonable inquiry, it is well grounded in fact and is warranted by existing law or a good faith argument for the extension, modification or reversal of existing law; and that it is not interposed for any improper purpose, such as to harass or to cause unnecessary delay or needless increase in the cost of litigation.<sup>1</sup>

The circumstances surrounding the instant request for waiver of signature indicate that the purposes of the rule are not being contravened and that good cause for the waiver exists.

**ORDER**

The request for waiver of Oregon Administrative Rule 860-013-0065 filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company on August 30, 2004, is GRANTED.

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

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**Lee Beyer**  
Chairman

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**Ray Baum**  
Commissioner

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**John Savage**  
Commissioner

A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order pursuant to ORS 756.561. A request for rehearing or reconsideration must be filed with the Commission within 60 days of the date of service of this order. The request must comply with the requirements in OAR 860-014-0095. A copy of any such request must also be served on each party to the proceeding as provided by OAR 860-013-0070(2). A party may appeal this order to a court pursuant to applicable law.

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<sup>1</sup> OAR 860-013-0065(2)(a)(b)(c).