

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	ORDER
COMPANY)	
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Request for an Extension of 2007)	
Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) Deadline.)	

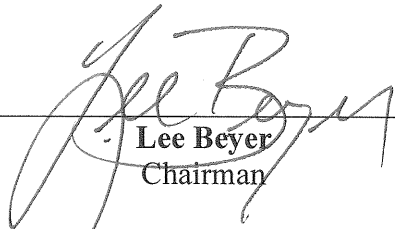
DISPOSITION: REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME GRANTED

On September 6, 2007, Northwest Natural Gas Company, (NW Natural) filed a request, with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission), for an extension of time to file its 2007 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). NW Natural notes that, in its order adopting new IRP guidelines, the Commission indicated that NW Natural should file its IRP in the third quarter of 2007. *See* Order No. 07-002, p. 26. NW Natural has been in the process of drafting its IRP and has held two workgroup meetings with interested parties in anticipation of meeting that deadline. However, NW Natural explains that the primary employee drafting the plan unexpectedly left the company on July 6, 2007. Because the company has yet to find a replacement and has no other employee with sufficient expertise to operate its IRP modeling software or complete the draft plan, NW Natural seeks an extension of time to file until March 1, 2008. NW Natural indicates that it has consulted with the Commission Staff and other parties about this matter. No party opposes NW Natural's request.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Northwest Natural Gas Company's request for an extension of time to file its Integrated Resource Plan is granted. The filing deadline for its Integrated Resource Plan is extended to March 1, 2008.

Made, entered, and effective SEP 20 2007.



Lee Beyer
Chairman



John Savage
Commissioner



Ray Baum
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 by filing a petition for review with the Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480-183.484.