

ORDER NO. 12 011

ENTERED JAN 19 2012

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

Request for a General Rate Revision.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED

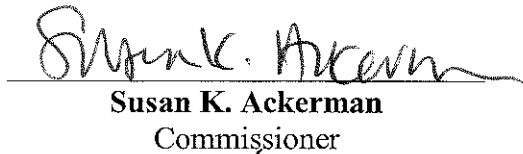
On December 30, 2011, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed tariff sheets in Advice No. 11-19 to be effective February 1, 2012. The filing seeks a general increase in customer rates. The Public Utility Commission of Oregon finds good and sufficient cause exists to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the tariff sheets pursuant to ORS 757.210 and ORS 757.215.


ORS 757.215(1) authorizes the Commission to suspend a rate filing for a period not to exceed nine months. Although the statute contemplates that the maximum suspension would occur in two steps—an initial six-month suspension followed by a second three-month suspension if necessary—we conclude at this time that a full nine-month suspension is necessary to investigate this general rate proceeding.

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 11-19, filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural is suspended for a period of time not to exceed nine months from February 1, 2012, the effective date of the tariff sheets.

Made, entered, and effective JAN 19 2012


John Savage
Commissioner


Susan K. Ackerman
Commissioner


Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner

