

ORDER NO. 15 407

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1722, UG 286

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,
Investigation into Recovery of Safety
Costs by Natural Gas Utilities (UM 1722),

and

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,
Request to Continue Schedule 177, the
System Integrity Program Recovery
Mechanism. (UG 286)

ORDER

DISPOSITION: TARIFF SHEETS SUSPENDED

On October 21, 2014, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed revised rate schedules in Advice No. 14-23 to be effective on March 1, 2015. The Commission suspended the advice filing to open a generic investigation into the recovery of safety costs by natural gas utilities. The current suspension period expires on January 1, 2016.

On December 11, 2015, NW Natural filed an agreement to extend the effective date in accordance with ORS 757.215(2). The agreement states that NW Natural's advice filing should be extended until such time the Commission issues an order on the merits of Advice No. 14-23 in docket UG 286. NW Natural and Commission Staff are parties to the agreement.


We accept the agreement and suspend Advice No. 14-23 until we issue a final order in this proceeding.

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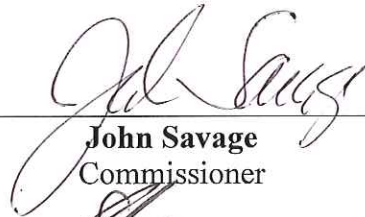
IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 14-23 filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, on October 21, 2014, and as supplemented on February 26, 2015, is suspended until we issue a final order in this proceeding.

Dated this 18 day of December, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.

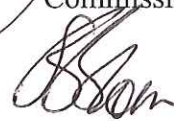


Susan K. Ackerman
Chair





John Savage
Commissioner



Stephen M. Bloom
Commissioner