

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 71

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2020 Integrated Resource Plan.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: PETITION FOR EXEMPTION FROM OAR 860-027-0400(3) UNTIL
SEPTEMBER 23, 2022, GRANTED

On July 19, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a petition for a temporary exemption from OAR 860-027-0400(3). Through this request, NW Natural indicated that certain factors have impacted the ability to complete its final Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) on the schedule as required by OAR 860-027-0400(3), which requires the submission of an IRP within two years of a previous acknowledgement order, or as otherwise directed by the Commission. On January 13, 2021, the Commission directed NW Natural to file its IRP on July 29, 2022.¹

NW Natural requests additional time to complete its IRP filing, and requests to be permitted to file its IRP no later than September 23, 2022. NW Natural explains that it has been unable to resolve modeling software issues, preventing it from completing required analysis. On July 26, 2022, Staff filed findings agreeing with NW Natural that good cause exists to grant NW Natural's request. Staff also clarifies that its previous assertions that further extensions not be granted to NW Natural is not germane to the current request, given that it is limited to approximately two months.

I grant NW Natural's request. The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order.²

¹ *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, 2018 Integrated Resource Plan*, Docket No. LC 71, Order No. 21-013 (Jan 13, 2021).

² *See In the Matter of Public Utility Commission of Oregon, The Delegation of Certain Duties and Powers of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon*, Docket No. CD 25, Order No. 21-213, Appendix E (Jul 1, 2021).

Exercising that authority, I find good cause to amend Order No. 21-013. The first sentence of the “Proposed Commission Motion(s);” section of Appendix A of the order is amended to state “Grant an exemption for Northwest Natural Gas Company from OAR 860-027-0400(3) allowing an extension to September 23, 2022, to the Company’s March 2021 IRP Filing deadline.”

Made, entered, and effective Jul 28, 2022.



Nolan Moser
Chief Administrative Law Judge
Administrative Hearings Division

