## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON,

**ORDER** 

Investigation into the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Mechanism Used by Oregon's Three Local Distribution Companies.

DISPOSITION: TIMELINE SPECIFIED IN ORDER NO. 14-238 AMENDED

On August 11, 2025, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a motion to amend a date in the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Guidelines as adopted in Order No. 14-238. PGA Guideline 8 specifies that if approved at an October public meeting, the PGA "rates will go into effect on November 1." Staff requests Guideline 8 be amended to change the November 1 date to October 31 to address HB 3179 (2025), effective July 17, 2025, which will amend ORS 757.210(7) to state "[a]ny increase in residential rates may not take effect from November 1 to March 31." Staff notes that the three natural gas utilities filed requests to waive the PGA Guidelines to allow the 2025 PGA date to be October 31, 2025, rather than November 1, 2025. Staff explains that it proposes to instead amend Order No. 14-238 to eliminate the need for waiver requests in future years. Northwest Natural Gas Company and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation filed responses supporting Staff's motion. No party filed an objection to Staff's request.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order. Accordingly, I find good cause to amend Order No. 14-238, Guideline 8 to read:

The PGA Public Meeting will be scheduled during the second or third week of October. If approved at an October public meeting then rates will go into effect on October 31.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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 26, Order No. 23-321, Appendix E (Sept. 6, 2023).

The remainder of the order remains unchanged.

Made, entered, and effective Aug 15, 2025

Alison Lackey

Chief Administrative Law Judge Administrative Hearings Division



A party may request rehearing or reconsideration of this order under 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 860-001-0720. A copy of the request must also be served on each party to the proceedings as provided in OAR 860-001-0180(2). A party may appeal this order by filing a petition for review with the Circuit Court for Marion County in compliance with ORS 183.484.