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## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

## **OF OREGON**

**UG 435** 

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

**ORDER** 

Request for a General Rate Revision.

DISPOSITION: TIMELINE SPECIFIED IN ORDER NO. 22-388 AMENDED

On September 15, 2025, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a motion requesting to amend Order No. 22-388. Order No 22-388 includes language specifying that costs deferred through the company's Renewable Natural Gas Automatic Adjustment Clause may only be added to rates on November 1 of each year. NW Natural explains that the November 1 effective date was designed to align with the annual Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment. NW Natural requests to change the effective date in Order No. 22-388 from "November 1" to "October 31." NW Natural explains that the requested change is intended to address House Bill (HB) 3179 (2025), which would amend ORS 757.210(7) to state "[a]ny increase in residential rates may not take effect from November 1 to March 31." NW Natural states that while its RNG AAC adjustment for this year is a decrease, it seeks to permanently modify the effective date of its RNG AAC to align with the recently changed effective date of its annual Purchased Gas Cost rate adjustment filing to ensure these rate adjustments can be implemented on October 31 going forward. No party filed an objection to NW Natural's request.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order. I find good cause to amend Order No. 22-388, to modify the effective date to address HB 3179, consistent with the amendment to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Guidelines in Order No. 25-308 entered in docket UM 1286, which amends the effective date of the Purchased Gas Adjustment to October 31.

Order No. 22-388 is amended to state that change the date that costs deferred through the company's Renewable Natural Gas Automatic Adjustment Clause may be added to rates from "November 1" to "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 Sep 22, 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 Court of Appeals in compliance with ORS 183.480 through 183.484.