

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1750

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

Investigation Into Northwest Natural's
WARM Program.

ORDER

DISPOSITION: TIMELINE SPECIFIED IN ORDER NO. 16-223 AMENDED

On September 12, 2025, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a motion requesting to amend Order No. 16-223. Order No. 16-223 established a November 1 effective date for the annual amortization in rates of NW Natural's Weather-Adjusted Rate Mechanism (WARM) deferrals. NW Natural requests to change the effective date in Order No. 16-223 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 it seeks to permanently modify the effective date to align with the recently changed effective date of its annual Purchased Gas Cost rate adjustment filing and ensure these rate adjustments can be implemented on October 31 going forward. No party filed an objection to the company's request.

The Chief Administrative Law Judge has been delegated the authority to modify timelines specified in a Commission order.¹ I find good cause to amend Order No. 16-223, 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. 16-223 is amended to change the effective date for the annual amortization in rates of NW Natural's WARM deferrals from "November 1" to "October 31."

¹ 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.