

ORDER NO. 99-688

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of the Application of)
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS) ORDER
COMPANY for a General Rate Revision.)

On October 16, 1998, NW Natural filed Advice No. 98-20, an application for a general rate increase of \$14,739,911, or 3.8%, in Oregon revenues. At its Public Meeting on November 17, 1998, the Commission found good and sufficient cause to investigate the propriety and reasonableness of the rates pursuant to ORS 757.210 and 757.215 and ordered the rates be suspended for a period of six months pending investigation (Order No. 98-437). In Order No. 99-343, the Commission subsequently ordered an additional 3-month suspension of Advice No. 98-20. Thereafter, NW Natural waived the statutory period and, in a letter dated October 25, 1999, agreed to a suspension of the rates through November 12, 1999.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Advice No. 98-20 filed by Northwest Natural Gas Company on October 16, 1998, is suspended through November 12, 1999.

Made, entered, and effective _____.

Ron Eachus
Chairman

Roger Hamilton
Commissioner

Joan H. Smith
Commissioner