

1 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
2 OF OREGON

3 UG 344

4 In the Matter of
5 NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
6 COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,
7 Request for a General Rate Revision.

STAFF NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM
SECOND PARTIAL STIPULATION

8 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Staff”) hereby notifies the
9 Commission that it withdraws from the Second Partial Stipulation rejected by the Commission in
10 its October 26, 2018 order. (Order No. 18-419) Paragraph 18 of the Second Partial Stipulation
11 provides that if the Commission rejects all or any material portion of this Stipulation, any of the
12 stipulating parties are entitled to withdraw from the stipulation and must file a notice within five
13 days of the Commission order rejecting the stipulation to do so.¹

14 Staff files this notice past the five-day period. Staff notified the stipulating parties on
15 November 7, 2018 of its intent to withdraw. Although this notice is filed outside the five day
16 period, the schedule for the additional process ordered by the Commission has not been
17 established and Staff believes that no party is harmed by this delay. Further, paragraph 20 of the
18 Second Partial Stipulation provides that the stipulation is not enforceable by any stipulating party
19 unless and until adopted by the Commission.² Accordingly, the provision regarding withdrawal
20 from the stipulation is no longer enforceable.

21 Staff intends to participate in the additional proceedings ordered by the Commission and

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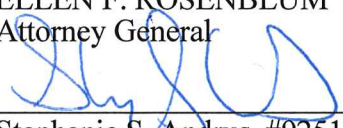
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26 ¹ Order No. 18-319, App. B, p. 6.

² *Id.*

1 believes it can do so more effectively by investigating the issues without agreeing in advance to a
2 particular outcome. Accordingly, Staff withdraws from the Second Partial Stipulation.

3 DATED this 8th day of November 2018.

4 Respectfully submitted,
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