

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: May 19, 2015

REGULAR _____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE _____ NA _____

DATE: May 7, 2015

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Erik Colville 

THROUGH: Jason Eisdorfer and Aster Adams  

SUBJECT: CASCADE NATURAL GAS: (Docket No. LC 59) Requests a waiver of OAR 860-027-0400(3) for an incremental 49 day extension for its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends Cascade Natural Gas's request for a 49-day extension to file its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan, from May 29, 2015, to July 17, 2015, be granted.

DISCUSSION:

On May 6, 2015, Cascade Natural Gas (Cascade) filed a request under OAR 860-027-0400(3) to extend the filing date of its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) from May 29, 2015, to July 17, 2015. The Commission issued Order No. 14-054 on February 18, 2014, extending the filing date from August 14, 2014, to February 11, 2015. Also, the Commission issued Order No. 14-303 on September 2, 2014, again extending the filing date from February 11, 2015, to May 29, 2015.

Cascade filed its current request for an extension due to a medical emergency that has caused a halt in its progress to finalize its draft 2014 IRP and supporting documentation. The medical emergency impacts the key Cascade employee assigned to this matter.

While Staff is concerned that a medical emergency impacting a single employee could cause a halt to Cascade's progress with its 2014 IRP filing, Staff finds no evidence that Cascade has failed to diligently pursue its completion. Accordingly, in order to allow Cascade the time required to complete its IRP, Staff is supportive of the Commission granting the requested filing-date extension.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The request by Cascade Natural Gas for a 49-day extension to file its 2014 Integrated Resource Plan, from May 29, 2015, to July 17, 2015, be granted.

LC 59 Cascade IRP filing deadline extension