

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: STIPULATION ADMITTED INTO THE RECORD; MOTION FOR  
WAIVER OF OAR 860-001-0350(7) GRANTED

Oregon Administrative Rule (OAR) 860-001-0350 provides in pertinent part, as follows:

- (7) Settlements must be memorialized in a written stipulation signed by the settling parties and filed for review by the Commission. With the stipulation, the parties must file:
- (a) An explanatory brief or written testimony in support of the stipulation, unless waived by the Commission or ALJ; and
  - (b) A motion to offer the stipulation and any testimony as evidence in the proceeding, together with witness affidavits in support of the testimony.

On February 4, 2019, Northwest Natural Gas Company, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (collectively, the Stipulating Parties) filed a Third Stipulation in this docket. On that same date, the Stipulating Parties filed a Motion to Admit Stipulation and Request for Waiver of OAR 860-001-0350(7).

In support of the Motion and Request for Waiver, the Stipulating Parties state that they have resolved the issues in this docket but have not yet completed drafting the testimony. They represent that they expect to complete and submit the supporting Joint Testimony and associated affidavits by February 14, 2019, and therefore ask that the cited rule be waived and the Third Stipulation be accepted for filing with the Commission and admitted into the record of this proceeding.

**RULING**

The Motion to Admit Stipulation and Request for Waiver are granted. The Third Stipulation is admitted into the record. If the supporting testimony and associated affidavits are not filed by February 14, 2019, a status report shall be filed on that date.

Dated this 5th day of February, 2019, at Salem, Oregon.



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Allan J. Arlow  
Administrative Law Judge