

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 435

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,

Request for a General Rate Revision
(UE 435),

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable
Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism
(ADV 1215) (UG 411).

RULING

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO ADMIT STIPULATION AND REQUEST FOR A
WAIVER OF OAR 860-001-0350(7) GRANTED**

On August 19, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon; the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board; and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) (collectively the Stipulating Parties) filed a Third Partial Stipulation resolving issues related to the Lexington Renewable Natural Gas Project deferral and amortization. On the same day, AWEC also filed a motion to admit the Third Partial Stipulation into the evidentiary record, as well as a motion seeking the waiver of OAR 860-001-0350(7)(a), which requires that a written stipulation memorializing a settlement be accompanied by joint testimony or a brief supporting the settlement. The Stipulating Parties state that they intend to file the testimony on or around Tuesday, August 23, 2022.

The request to waive the requirement in OAR 860-001-250(7)(a) that a stipulation be filed with supporting testimony is waived. Additionally, the request to admit the Third Partial Stipulation into the evidentiary record is granted. If the supporting testimony is not filed by August 23, 2022, the Stipulating Parties shall file a status report on that date.

Finally, because the Third Partial Stipulation addresses issues currently ongoing in docket UM 2145, NW Natural shall file notice of the partial stipulation in that docket.

Dated this 23rd day of August, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Alison Lackey for Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge