

ISSUED: April 4, 2007

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

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| In the Matter of                         | ) |        |
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| MDU RESOURCES GROUP, INC.,               | ) | RULING |
|  | ) |        |
| Application for Authorization to Acquire | ) |        |
| Cascade Natural Gas Corporation.         | ) |        |

DISPOSITION: STATUS REPORT DUE ON APRIL 20, 2007

On April 3, 2007, MDU Resources Group, Inc., (MDU Resources) submitted a status report stating that a global settlement had been reached on all of the issues in this case. MDU Resources also stated that it was circulating a settlement proposal for signatures and expected to file it within a week to ten days.

If the settlement does not proceed as planned, a status report is requested by the close of business on April 16, 2007.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 4th day of April, 2007.

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Christina M. Hayes  
Administrative Law Judge