

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: July 23, 2002

REGULAR ___ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE July 24, 2002

DATE: July 8, 2002

TO: John Savage through Lee Sparling and Bonnie Tatom

FROM: Reed Harris

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Advice No. 02-9) Makes housekeeping changes that remove references to three special contracts no longer in force.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Commission allow Northwest Natural Gas Company's Fifth Revision of Sheet 60A-1 and Tenth Revision of Sheet 60A-2 in Schedule 60A, and Third Revision of Sheet 60-4, Third Revision of Sheet 60-5, Third Revision of Sheet 60-6, Fourth Revision of Sheet 60-7 and Third Revision of Sheet 60-9 in Schedule 60 to go into effect on July 24, 2002.

DISCUSSION:

On June 13, 2002, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or company) filed revisions to Schedule 60A and Schedule 60, Special Contracts. This filing makes two housekeeping changes to the special contracts tariffs and updates the special contracts index to reflect those changes.

First, the filing removes references to three special contracts that are not in force, as the customers are no longer receiving service under the respective special contracts. The three special contracts identified as no longer in use are:

- Sheet 60-4. Smurfit Newsprint Corporation (Oregon City Division)
- Sheet 60-5. James River Paper Co. Inc., (Wauna Mill), now known as Ft. James Operating Co.
- Sheets 60-7 and 60-9. Georgia-Pacific Corp.

The filing reserves these vacated special contract tariff sheets for potential future use.

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The second housekeeping function of this filing is to recognize a corporate name change for James River Paper Co. Inc. (Halsey Mill), now known as Georgia-Pacific West, Inc.

These proposed revisions to the company's tariffs simply serve to recognize currently active special contract accounts, and update the special contracts tariff index references to those currently active contracts.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

The tariff sheets in NW Natural's Advice No. 02-9 become effective with service on and after July 24, 2002.

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