

ITEM NO. CA9

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON  
STAFF REPORT  
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: November 23, 2004**

**REGULAR** \_\_\_\_\_ **CONSENT**  X  **EFFECTIVE DATE**  November 24, 2004

**DATE:** November 16, 2004

**TO:** Lee Sparling through Ed Busch and Bonnie Tatom

**FROM:** Deborah Garcia

**SUBJECT:** NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Advice No. 04-18) Revises tariff sheets to remove incorrect references to commercial firm transportation customers as being subject to the WARM Program.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

I recommend that the Commission approve Northwest Natural's Application to Waive Statutory Notice and allow the tariff sheets in Advice No. 04-18 to go into effect on November 24, 2004.

**DISCUSSION:**

On September 30, 2004, NW Natural filed Advice 04-13A, a compliance filing made in accordance with Order No. 04-463, to implement changes to its Weather-Adjusted Rate Mechanism (WARM) program for the 2004/2005 heating season. In those tariff schedules, NW Natural inadvertently included a reference to service option 3CFT (commercial firm transportation) as being subject to the WARM program. The WARM program does not apply to transportation customers.

On November 10, 2004, NW Natural filed Advice No. 04-18 to make a housekeeping revision to correct the previously filed tariffs and remove the reference to service option 3CFT. Along with the corrected tariff sheets, NW Natural included an Application to Waive Statutory Notice as required by Commission Rule 860-022-0020. Currently, there are no customers taking service under the 3CFT option and so no customers are affected by this change.

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**PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:**

Approve NW Natural's Application to Waive Statutory Notice, and allow the tariff sheets filed in Advice No. 04-18 to go into effect on November 24, 2004.