

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: January 26, 2006**

REGULAR ____ CONSENT X EFFECTIVE DATE January 27, 2006

DATE: January 18, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Deborah Garcia

THROUGH: Lee Sparling, Ed Busch, and Judy Johnson

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Advice No. 05-16) Makes housekeeping changes to various schedules to clarify and centrally locate weather information that applies to more than one schedule.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend that the Commission approve Advice Nos. 05-16, 05-16A, and 05-16B, the request for approval with less than statutory notice (LSN), and allow the associated tariffs to take effect on January 27, 2006.

DISCUSSION:

NW Natural (NWN or Company) originally filed this advice on November 9, 2005. On January 9, 2006, after a discussion with Staff, NWN filed replacement sheets and a request for approval with less than statutory notice (LSN) as Advice No. 05-16A. After further discussions with Staff, NWN filed replacement sheets as Advice No. 05-16B on January 18, 2006.

This housekeeping filing includes the following revisions and additions to Rule 24:

1. Add language to define Atmospheric Pressure (a component of Pressure Factor) in accordance with standards developed by the American Gas Association. (AGA)
2. Add additional language to the Temperature Factor section to include information about the temperature data that is used in billing calculations. Most of this information is currently included in Schedule 195 Weather Adjusted Rate Mechanism, but because this data is also used for other schedules, it is more appropriately located in Rule 24.
3. Minor editorial changes to improve the accuracy or clarity of the language.

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In this filing, NWN proposes to revise Schedule 195 by extracting the temperature information that it proposes to move to Rule 24, and changing the temperature information reference to Rule 24. NWN also proposes to revise Schedule 190 so that it refers to Rule 24, rather than Schedule 195.

The proposed revisions and additions are housekeeping in nature and have no financial impact on the Company or its customers.

PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

NW Natural Advice Nos. 05-16, 05-16A, 05-16B and the LSN be approved, and the associated tariffs be allowed to go into effect on January 27, 2006.