

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON
STAFF REPORT
PUBLIC MEETING DATE: September 19, 2006**

REGULAR CONSENT EFFECTIVE DATE October 1, 2006

DATE: September 13, 2006

TO: Public Utility Commission

FROM: Bonnie Tatom

THROUGH: Lee Sparling and Ed Busch

SUBJECT: NORTHWEST NATURAL: (Advice No. 06-12) Makes housekeeping changes to effective date of Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment (PGA) filings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

I recommend the Commission approve Northwest Natural Gas Company's (NW Natural or company) application to waive statutory notice (LSN) and allow proposed tariff sheets in Advice No. 06-12 to become effective with service on and after October 1, 2006.

DISCUSSION:

On August 15, 2006, NW Natural filed tariff revisions in Advice No. 06-12 with a proposed effective date of September 20, 2006. The purpose of the filing is to make housekeeping changes, reflecting a permanent change to the PGA cycle from October 1 through September 30 each year to one month later, from November 1 through October 31.

The tariff modifications affect customers taking service on Rate Schedules 31, 32 and 33. These customers have an annual service election period and an out-of-cycle transfer period tied to the annual PGA cycle. With approval of the changes filed in Docket No. UG 166 (see agenda item CA9), the PGA cycle will be permanently changed to November 1 through October 31 of each year.

On September 12, 2006, the company filed a request to extend the effective date to October 1, 2006. The extension aligns the effective date of the tariff changes with changes to the PGA mechanism requested to go into effect on October 1, 2006. On September 13, 2006, NW Natural filed, along with an LSN, revisions to two tariff sheets found to be in error.

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PROPOSED COMMISSION MOTION:

NW Natural's LSN be approved and the tariff sheets in Advice No. 06-12 be allowed to go into effect October 1, 2006.