

rules, regulations, practices, accounts, securities, transfers of property and affiliated interests of public service companies, including gas companies. RCW 80.01.040, RCW 80.04, RCW 80.08, RCW 80.12, RCW 80.16 and RCW 80.28.

- 4 (2) NW Natural is a gas company and a public service company subject to Commission jurisdiction.
- 5 (3) NW Natural is subject to WAC 480-90-275, which requires gas companies to file a report of actual results for Washington operations within forty-five days of the end of each quarter.
- 6 (4) Under WAC 480-90-008, the Commission may grant an exemption from the provisions of any rule in WAC 480-90 if consistent with the public interest, the purposes underlying regulation and applicable statutes. See also WAC 480-07-110.
- 7 (5) This matter came before the Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 12, 2015.
- 8 (6) After reviewing the petition NW Natural filed in Docket UG-150112 on January 21, 2015, and giving due consideration, the Commission finds that the exemption is in the public interest and is consistent with the purposes underlying the regulation and applicable statutes and should be granted.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- 9 (1) The request by Northwest Natural Gas Company for an exemption from WAC 480-90-275 and for an extension until March 2, 2015, to file its fourth quarter results of operations report for 2014, is granted.
- 10 (2) Failure by Northwest Natural Gas Company to file its 2014 fourth quarter results of operations report by March 2, 2015, may result in the Commission invoking RCW 80.04.405, which allows the Commission to assess penalties for violations of statute, rule and Commission orders.

- 11* (3) The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and Northwest Natural Gas Company to effectuate the provisions of this Order.

The Commissioners, having determined this Order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter this Order.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective February 12, 2015.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

STEVEN V. KING, Executive Director and Secretary