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***VIA ELECTRONIC FILING***

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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**Re: UG 344: Joint Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule, EXPEDITED  
CONSIDERATION REQUESTED**

Attached for filing is a Joint Motion to Amend the Procedural Schedule for docket UG 344. Expedited consideration is requested for this motion.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 503-220-2379.

Respectfully submitted,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

**UG 344**

In the Matters of	)	
	)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS	)	JOINT MOTION TO AMEND
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL	)	PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE
	)	
Request for a General Rate Revision	)	<b>[EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION</b>
	)	<b>REQUESTED]</b>

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1 Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0420, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW  
2 Natural”), Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens’ Utility  
3 Board, and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (together, the “Parties”) submit this joint  
4 motion to amend the procedural schedule in this docket. This change to the procedural  
5 schedule is requested because the Parties have agreed to add an issue to the rate case  
6 that was not initially raised in NW Natural’s application. Specifically, the Parties will  
7 address a question first raised in NW Natural’s 2011 general rate case, Docket No. UG  
8 221, and again in Docket No. UM 1654 regarding NW Natural’s revenue sharing  
9 arrangements for NW Natural’s Mist interstate storage services and resource  
10 optimization activities (Schedules 185 and 186 of NW Natural’s Tariff, respectively).  
11 Because NW Natural seeks to file Opening Testimony on the issue on March 27, 2018,  
12 the Parties respectfully request expedited consideration of this motion.

13 In Docket UM 1654, the Commission issued Order No. 15-066, directing the  
14 parties to hire a third-party to perform an independent study and cost-allocation

1 evaluation, to aid a decision as to the appropriate revenue sharing percentages. That  
 2 exercise has now been completed, with the report (the “Liberty Report”) issued by the  
 3 Liberty Consulting Group on November 27, 2017 and filed with the Commission in  
 4 Docket UM 1654 on February 28, 2018.

5 As described above, the Parties wish to address the Liberty Report as part of this  
 6 docket. The Parties have agreed upon the following schedule for the docket (new or  
 7 changed items in **bold**):

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
<b>3/27/2018</b>	<b>NW Natural Liberty Report Opening Testimony</b>
4/20/2018	Staff and Intervenor Opening Testimony
4/30/2018, 5/1/2018	Settlement Conferences
<b>5/4/2018</b>	<b>Staff and Intervenor Liberty Report Opening Testimony</b>
5/23/2018	NW Natural Reply Testimony
5/30/2018, 5/31/2018	Settlement Conferences
<b>6/4/2018</b>	<b>NW Natural Liberty Report Reply testimony</b>
6/20/2018	Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal <b>and Cross-Answering</b> Testimony
<b>6/22/2018</b>	<b>Staff and Intervenor Liberty Report Rebuttal and Cross-Answering Testimony</b>
7/9/2018	NW Natural Surrebuttal <b>(including Liberty Report)</b> Testimony
7/13/2018	Parties Prehearing Briefs Due
7/19/2018, 7/20/2018	Hearings (subject to Commissioner availability)
8/9/2018	NW Natural Opening Brief
8/23/2018	Staff and Intervenor Reply Briefs
8/30/2018	NW Natural Final Brief

9/6/2018	Closing Oral Arguments (if requested by the Commission)
10/22/2018	Commission decision Target Date

1           Accordingly, the Parties respectfully request the Commission approve this joint  
2 motion in an expedited manner and amend the procedural schedule in this docket.

3                           Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March 2018.

4   Respectfully submitted,

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