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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Attention: Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
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Re: Docket UG 344 – NW Natural Request for a General Rate Revision

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-captioned docket is an electronic copy of NW Natural's Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alisha Till
Legal Assistant

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 344

In the Matter of:

NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural

Request for a General Rate Revision.

**MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

EXPEDITED TREATMENT REQUESTED

1 In accordance with OAR 860-001-0420 and 860-001-0420(6), NW Natural Gas Company
2 dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company) respectfully requests that the Public Utility
3 Commission of Oregon (Commission) issue an order amending the procedural schedule in the
4 above-captioned docket.

5 On February 2, 2018, Administration Law Judge (ALJ) Allan J. Arlow issued a Prehearing
6 Memorandum adopting a procedural schedule in this proceeding; this procedural schedule
7 indicated that hearings would be held on July 19 and 20, 2018 with prehearing briefs due on July
8 13, 2018. On July 10, 2018, ALJ Arlow issued a ruling directing the parties in this proceeding to
9 file their cross-examination statements no later than 4:00 p.m. (PST) on July 11, 2018.

10 The Company has conferred with the other parties to this proceeding and is authorized to
11 represent that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination and pre-hearing briefs. The
12 parties have agreed to continue to engage in settlement discussions regarding the outstanding
13 issues in this matter.¹ If the parties are unsuccessful in resolving all outstanding issues, the

¹ The parties to this proceeding have reached a settlement agreement regarding nearly all issues in this proceeding and have previously advised the Commission that the scope of this proceeding has been substantially narrowed. The parties are working to finalize and file a stipulation reflecting that settlement agreement and will file joint testimony soon after the stipulation is filed.

1 parties have agreed to file briefs according to the post-hearing schedule set forth in ALJ Arlow's
2 February 2, 2018 Prehearing Memorandum.

3 Accordingly, NW Natural respectfully requests that ALJ Arlow amend the procedural
4 schedule in this proceeding to cancel the hearings scheduled for July 19 and 20, 2018 and to
5 cancel the deadline for prehearing briefs on July 13, 2018. The Company requests that the
6 remaining dates set forth in the procedural schedule remain in effect unless and until the parties
7 to this proceeding have reached a settlement on all issues in this proceeding. Upon reaching
8 such a settlement, the parties will promptly notify the Commission. The Company requests
9 expedited treatment of this motion pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(6).

Respectfully submitted this 11th day of July, 2018.



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