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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Attention: Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
P.O. Box 1088
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**Re: Docket UG 344 – NW Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for a
General Rate Revision**

Attention Filing Center:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is an electronic copy of NW Natural's Motion to Suspend the Procedural Schedule.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha Till".

Alisha Till
Paralegal

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 344 – PHASE II

In the Matter of

NW Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural

Request for a General Rate Revision.

**MOTION TO SUSPEND 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 suspending the procedural schedule in the
4 above-captioned docket. NW Natural has conferred with the other parties to this proceeding
5 regarding this motion, and all parties support this motion.

6 The parties in this docket have participated in settlement meetings and have reached an
7 agreement in principle on a comprehensive settlement resolving all issues in this proceeding.
8 Accordingly, the parties need adequate time to reduce their settlement to a written stipulation and
9 to prepare joint testimony supporting the stipulation. Once the stipulation is finalized, there will no
10 longer be a need for the remaining events on the procedural schedule, which include briefs due
11 on January 18, 2019 and January 31, 2019. Therefore, NW Natural respectfully requests a
12 suspension of the procedural schedule.

13 The parties intend to file the stipulation and supporting testimony as soon as possible. NW
14 Natural anticipates that the stipulation and supporting testimony will be filed approximately two
15 weeks from today, and will provide a status update if the parties are unable to file the stipulation
16 and supporting testimony by January 31, 2019.

1 The Company requests expedited treatment of this motion pursuant to OAR 860-001-
2 0420(6) given that the current deadline for filing Simultaneous Opening Briefs is January 18, 2019.

Respectfully submitted this 17th day of January, 2019.



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