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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: Consolidated UG 435 / UG 411 / Application of NW Natural for a General Rate Revision / Schedule 198 Renewable Natural Gas Recovery.

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is Northwest Natural Gas Company's Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alisha Till
Paralegal

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 435 AND UG 411

In the Matter of

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY D/B/A NW
NATURAL

Request for a General Rate Revision (UG
435), and

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable
Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism (ADV 1215)
(UG 411).

**MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

1 In accordance with OAR 860-001-0420, Northwest Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural
2 (NW Natural or Company) respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon
3 (Commission) issue an order revising the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket to
4 modify the deadline for filing any objection to the Multi-Party Partial Stipulation filed in this docket,
5 and to clarify the timing and process for parties to respond to any such objection.

6 On January 25, 2022, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Sarah Spruce issued a ruling
7 setting forth the procedural schedule in this case.¹ On May 31, 2022, NW Natural, Staff of the
8 Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, the Alliance of Western
9 Energy Consumers, and the Small Business Utility Advocates (collectively, the Stipulating Parties)
10 filed a Multi-Party Partial Stipulation (Stipulation) in this proceeding, and a motion to admit the
11 Stipulation and waiver from the requirement to submit concurrent testimony. The Coalition of
12 Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental
13 Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club (collectively, the Coalition) did not join the

¹ The ALJ issued an Amended Procedural Conference Memorandum on January 26, 2022.

1 Stipulation, and on June 2, 2022, the Coalition indicated that it intended to object to the Stipulation.
 2 On June 2, 2022, ALJ Spruce issued a ruling establishing that the deadline for any objection
 3 would be 15 days from the date the Stipulating Parties file their Joint Testimony supporting the
 4 Stipulation. On June 8, 2022 the Stipulating Parties filed Joint Testimony, and accordingly, the
 5 deadline for the Coalition to file its Objection to the Stipulation would be June 23, 2022. The ALJ
 6 did not clarify the timing for the Stipulating Parties to file a reply to any objection, nor any
 7 subsequent briefing addressing objections.

8 All parties to this docket have conferred and request that the schedule and process for
 9 addressing the Coalition’s Objection to the Stipulation be modified to align with the existing
 10 schedule in this docket. As proposed below, the parties ask that the deadline for the Coalition to
 11 file its testimony objecting to the Stipulation be extended to June 30, 2022. The existing deadlines
 12 in the case will remain the same, but the parties seek to clarify the schedule for the Stipulating
 13 Parties’ Reply Testimony and briefing addressing the Objection, and that any cross examination
 14 related to the Objection will occur at the hearing that is already scheduled in this proceeding.

Deadline	Events Included in Current Schedule for Issues that Continue to Be Litigated Among the Parties	Events Proposed to be Included in Schedule to Address Objection to Stipulation
June 23, 2022	Coalition Testimony Objecting to Stipulation	---
June 30, 2022 due by 3 pm	Staff and Intervenors Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony	Coalition Testimony Objecting to Stipulation
July 20, 2022 due by 3 pm	NW Natural Surrebuttal Testimony	Stipulating Parties’ Reply Testimony to Coalition Objection to Stipulation
July 28, 2022 due by 3 PM	Cross-Examination Statement all parties	Coalition/Stipulating Parties request for cross examination on Objection to Stipulation

July 28, 2022 due by 3 PM	Prehearing Brief all parties	Prehearing Brief from Coalition and Stipulating Parties addressing Objection to Stipulation
August 2, 2022	Hearing	Hearing addressing Objection to Stipulation
August 15, 2022 due by 3 PM	Simultaneous Opening Briefs	Simultaneous Opening Briefs from Coalition and Stipulating Parties addressing Objection to Stipulation
August 22, 2022 due by 3 PM	Simultaneous Closing Briefs	Simultaneous Closing Briefs from Coalition and Stipulating Parties addressing Objection to Stipulation
August 25, 2022	Oral Argument	Oral Argument addressing Objection to Stipulation

1 The Company has conferred with the other parties in this proceeding and is authorized to
2 represent that all parties support this motion.

3 DATED this 14th day of June 2022.

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