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VIA E-MAIL TO

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Filing Center
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**Re: Docket No. UG 490 – In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba
NW Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision.**

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find Northwest Natural Gas Company's Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule. Expedited consideration is requested for this motion.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 490

In the Matter of

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY D/B/A NW
NATURAL

Request for a General Rate Revision.

**MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

Expedited Consideration Requested

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”) revise the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket on an expedited
4 basis.

5 On February 5, 2024, Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Sarah Spruce issued a Prehearing
6 Conference Memorandum adopting a schedule for this proceeding. This schedule, as further
7 modified in this proceeding,¹ indicated that all parties’ joint issues matrix, cross examination
8 exhibits and statements are due by 3:00 PM on July 25, 2024. On July 22, 2024, NW Natural
9 sought and received an extension for its surrebuttal testimony to 3:00 PM on July 24, 2024.² In
10 that motion, NW Natural indicated that the parties were continuing to confer regarding an
11 extension to the deadlines for cross examination statements and exhibits.³

12 As a result of those discussions, the parties⁴ jointly propose the following revisions to the
13 procedural schedule:

¹ The ALJ issued a Memorandum on Staff’s Scheduling Motion on April 11, 2024, modifying the procedural schedule.

² Ruling, Motion Granted on Expedited Basis; Procedural Schedule Modified (July 22, 2024).

³ NW Natural’s Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule at 1 (July 22, 2024).

⁴ The parties to this case are Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Staff”), the Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”), and the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club (collectively, “the Coalition”).

- 1 • Eliminate the settlement status update due on July 25, 2024 because the parties
- 2 have not had further settlement discussions since filing the Second Partial
- 3 Stipulation;
- 4 • Eliminate the joint issues matrix due to the compressed schedule and to allow the
- 5 parties sufficient time to prepare for the hearing;
- 6 • Extend the deadline for cross examination exhibits and statements to July 29, 2024
- 7 by 3:00 PM; and
- 8 • Cancel the half day of hearing scheduled for July 30, 2024, and retain the hearing
- 9 scheduled for August 1, 2024 because the parties do not expect to require more
- 10 than one full day for the hearing.

11 Accordingly, the parties respectfully requests that ALJ Spruce amend the procedural
 12 schedule in this proceeding as follows:

Date	Event
July 25, 2024	All Parties' Joint Issues Matrix or Issues List Due
July 25, 2024	Settlement Status Update Due by 3:00 PM
July 29, 2024	All Parties' Cross Examination Statements and Exhibits Due by 3:00 PM
July 30, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing, 9:30 AM — 12:00 PM
August 1, 2024	Evidentiary Hearing, 9:30 AM to 4:30 PM

13 The parties request that the remaining dates set forth in the procedural schedule remain in effect.
 14 Because the deadlines that are the subject of this motion are fast-approaching, the parties request
 15 expedited consideration of this motion pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(6).

DATED this 24th day of July, 2024.

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