

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 37

In the Matter of)
)
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
COMPANY) MEMORANDUM
)
2004 Integrated Resource Plan.)

On April 13, 2005, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. John Hanson appeared on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company. Michael Weirich and Lynn Kittilson appeared on behalf of Commission Staff. Chad Stokes appeared (via telephone) on behalf of Northwest Industrial Gas Users.

At the conference, the following schedule was adopted:

Event	Date
Deadline to Intervene	April 17, 2005
Parties Comments on Plan due	May 11, 2005
Staff Draft Recommendations/Order	June 1, 2005
Comments on Staff Recommendations	July 21, 2005
Staff Final Recommendations and Draft Order	August 4, 2005
Reply Comments due	Up to date of Public Meeting
Commission Public Meeting	August 16, 2005

The parties noted the possibility that this schedule could be expedited based on the comments filed. If that is the case, the parties agreed to submit a joint motion to modify the schedule accordingly.

At the conference, NWIGU petitioned to intervene in the proceeding. No party objected. I find that NWIGU has sufficient interest in the proceeding and that its appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. Accordingly, the petition is granted. OAR 860-012-0001(2). I also note that the Citizen's Utility Board filed a notice of intervention pursuant to ORS 774.180.

Finally, I refer the parties to the Commission's procedural notes for contested case proceedings, located at www.puc.state.or.us under Commission Overview.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 14th day of April 2005.

Michael Grant
Administrative Law Judge