

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 51

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2011 Integrated Resource Plan.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED; SCHEDULE MODIFIED

On January 9, 2012, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule in this docket. NW Natural requests that the date for the Commission Staff to file its Final Recommendations and Final Draft Order, originally scheduled for January 9, 2012, and the date for the Commission Public Meeting and NW Natural's presentation of its modified 2011 Integrated Resource Plan ("2011 IRP"), currently scheduled for February 8, 2012, be delayed approximately one month.

In support of its motion, NW Natural states that additional time would "allow the Company, Commission Staff, and other interested parties time to determine whether an agreeable resolution of the issues raised during the comment period of this docket can be reached." The Company believes that an extension of the schedule may assist the Commission's review of its modified 2011 IRP "by giving an opportunity for some or all of the parties to support acknowledgement of the plan with certain modifications."

In a supplement to the motion, NW Natural further indicates that no party opposes the motion.

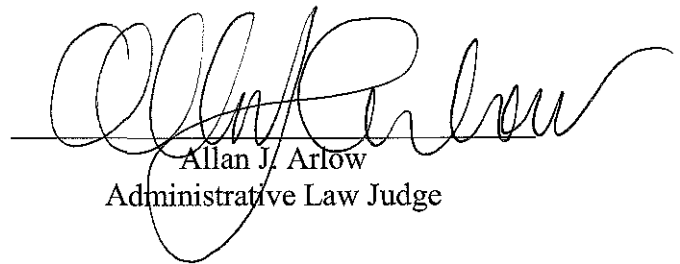
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I find that good cause exists to grant NW Natural's motion and, in light of the circumstances described, a brief delay in the schedule is in the public interest.

The docket schedule is changed to the following:

Event	Date
Staff's Final Recommendations and Final Draft Order	February 10, 2012
Commission Public Meeting/ NW Natural Presents IRP	March 13, 2012 ¹

Dated this 10th day of January, 2012, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge

¹ Date subject to Commissioners' availability.