

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

LC 64

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2016 Integrated Resource Plan.

**PREHEARING CONFERENCE  
MEMORANDUM**

On September 21, 2016, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB); the Industrial Customers of Northwest Utilities (ICNU); and Northwest Pipeline.

**Petitions to Intervene**

IRP proceedings are not considered contested case proceedings under ORS 183.310(2)(a), however, obtaining party status is necessary to be placed on the service list for purposes of receiving copies of filings made by other parties and to be eligible to sign a protective order to obtain access to protected information. For those reasons, the Commission will grant petitions to intervene in IRP dockets, even though party status does not confer the general rights and duties to individuals who participate in contested case proceedings.


**Procedural Schedule**

The parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which was adopted:

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>DATE</b>
NW Natural Presentation at Public Meeting	October 25, 2016
Staff's and Intervenors' Comments due	November 3, 2016
NW Natural Reply Comments due	December 8, 2016
Workshop (If Needed)	TBD
Staff's Final Comments/Recommendation due	December 29, 2016
All Parties' Comments on Staff Recommendation due	January 19, 2017
Commission Public Meeting	February 21, 2017

Parties are reminded that attorneys not licensed in Oregon wanting to appear before the Commission in this docket must file an application for admission to appear pro hac vice.<sup>1</sup>

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge

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<sup>1</sup> See UTCR 3.170, OAR 860-001-0320.