

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: JOINT MOTION GRANTED; PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE REVISED

A procedural schedule was adopted at a prehearing conference held in this docket on February 1, 2018. On March 26, 2018, Northwest Natural Gas Company, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users and the Commission Staff (collectively, the parties) filed a joint motion to amend the procedural schedule.

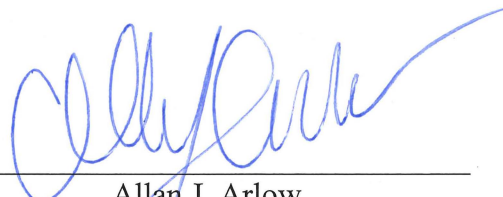
In support of the motion, the parties note that they wish to address an independent report prepared by the Liberty Consulting Group, (the Liberty Report) in testimony to be submitted in this docket. The parties state that their proposed additional dates for submission of testimony should be inserted in the schedule to accommodate discussion of the Liberty Report.

The motion is granted. I find that good cause exists to grant the motion and that expanding the scope of the testimony to address the Liberty Report will not unduly delay the proceedings or burden the record. The remainder of the schedule is hereby amended to be as follows with the added dates identified in bold type:

NW Natural Liberty Report Opening Testimony	March 27, 2018
Staff and Intervenors' Opening Testimony	April 20, 2018
Settlement conferences	April 30 and May 1, 2018
Staff and Intervenor Liberty Report Opening Testimony	May 4, 2018
NW Natural Reply Testimony	May 23, 2018
Settlement conferences	May 30 and May 31, 2018
NW Natural Liberty Report Reply Testimony	June 4, 2018
Staff and Intervenor Rebuttal Testimony and Cross-Answering Testimony	June 20, 2018
Staff and Intervenor Liberty Report Rebuttal and Cross-Answering Testimony	June 22, 2018

NW Natural Surrebuttal (including Liberty Report) Testimony	July 9, 2018
Parties Prehearing Briefs Due	July 13, 2018
Hearings (subject to Commissioner availability)	July 19 and July 20, 2018
NW Natural Opening Brief	August 9, 2018
Staff and Intervenor Reply Briefs	August 23, 2018
NW Natural Final Brief	August 30, 2018
Closing Oral Arguments (if requested by the Commission)	September 6, 2018
Commission decision Target Date	October 22, 2018

Dated this 26th day of March, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge