

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 344

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED; PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE MODIFIED


On February 1, 2018, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket at which time a procedural schedule was adopted. The schedule provided for the conduct of an evidentiary hearing on July 19 and, if necessary, July 20, 2018. By ruling of July 10, 2018, the parties were directed to file cross-examination statements the following day.

On July 11, 2018, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed a Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, and asked that the Motion be addressed expeditiously. In the motion, NW Natural represents that it has conferred with all of the other parties in the proceeding and is authorized to represent that all parties have agreed to waive cross-examination and pre-hearing briefs. NW Natural states that the parties have been engaged in settlement discussions with respect to all outstanding issues. NW Natural further represents that, in the event the parties fail to reach a full settlement, the parties agree to file briefs according to the post-hearing schedule set forth in the February 2, 2018 pre-hearing conference report.

RULING

The Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule is granted. The scheduled dates for parties to submit prehearing briefs and to appear for an evidentiary hearing are deleted. The remainder of the schedule is unchanged. The parties are to promptly notify the Commission in the event that a comprehensive settlement of this docket has been achieved.

Dated this 11th day of July, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.



Allan J. Arlow
Administrative Law Judge