

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 435

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,

Request for a General Rate Revision
(UE 435),

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable
Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism
(ADV 1215) (UG 411).

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE GRANTED

On May 31, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a Multi-Party Partial Stipulation (partial stipulation) resolving several issues in these proceedings on behalf of the following parties to the docket: NW Natural; the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon; the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board; the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers; and the Small Business Utility Advocates (collectively, the Stipulating Parties). As part of its filing, NW Natural indicated that the remaining parties, the Coalition for Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club (Coalition), did not join the partial stipulation and intended to litigate issues addressed in the partial stipulation. On June 8, 2022, the Stipulating Parties filed joint testimony in support of the partial stipulation. As set forth in the ruling issued June 2, 2022, any objections to the partial stipulation would be due on June 23, 2022.

On June 14, 2022, NW Natural filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule to clarify the timing and process for addressing the expected objection to the partial stipulation. NW Natural states that its proposed modifications are intended to align the process for addressing objections to the partial stipulation with the existing schedule. NW Natural states that it has conferred with the parties in these proceedings and represents that the parties support its motion.

I grant NW Natural's motion to modify the procedural schedule. The schedule for the remainder of these proceedings is, as follows:

Event	Date
Settlement Conference	June 15, 2022
Settlement Conference	June 16, 2022
Update on Settlement Conferences	June 17, 2022
Staff and Intervenors Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony; Coalition Testimony Objecting to the Stipulation	June 30, 2022
NW Natural Surrebuttal Testimony; Stipulating Parties' Reply to Coalition Objection to the Stipulation	July 20, 2022
Prehearing Brief (all parties); Cross-Examination Statement (all parties); Request for Cross-Examination on Objection to the Stipulation (all parties)	July 28, 2022
Hearing	August 2, 2022
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	August 15, 2022
Simultaneous Closing Briefs	August 22, 2022
Oral Argument	August 25, 2022
Target Commission Order date	October 20, 2022
Effective Date	November 1, 2022

Any cross-examination, briefing, or oral argument regarding the objection to the partial stipulation will occur as part of the hearing, briefing, or oral argument already scheduled in this proceeding.

Please be advised that any filing deadline in the procedural schedule will be set at 3:00 p.m. in order to provide adequate processing time for the Filing Center. Filings submitted after 3:00 p.m. will be considered filed on the following business day.

Dated this 15th day of June, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge