

**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.

SCHEDULING MEMORANDUM;
PROPOSED SCHEDULE DUE IN
ADVANCE OF PROCEDURAL
CONFERENCE

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a procedural conference in this proceeding at 1:00 p.m. on January 19, 2022. The purpose of the procedural conference will be to identify parties and establish a schedule. Please be advised that any filing deadlines in the procedural schedule will be set at 3:00 p.m. in order to provide adequate processing time for the Filing Center.

I request that the parties confer and provide a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2022. When preparing the proposed schedule for discussion at the procedural conference, I request that parties structure the schedule with no less than eight weeks provided for the Commission's deliberation and preparation of an order after oral argument. Additionally, the schedule must include regular settlement status updates, to be provided within two weeks after each settlement conference.

At this time, I anticipate that any workshops and proceedings in this docket will be conducted remotely. Evidentiary hearings, oral argument, and any Commissioner-attended events should be scheduled on Tuesday afternoons or Thursday mornings or afternoons whenever possible.

Please note that Chief Administrative Law Judge Moser will be working with the company to establish a process for running revenue requirement and rate spread scenarios after the close of the record. The Commission seeks to put a process in place under which certain, limited company staff would be designated to run scenarios identified by the Commission or ALJ after the close of the record for purposes of assisting the Commissioners assess the impact of potential decisions. The proposed process will be circulated to the service list for comment later in this proceeding. Parties who seek to provide input earlier in the process may contact Chief ALJ Moser.

The Commission strongly encourages any person seeking to participate as a party in this proceeding to file a petition to intervene before the procedural conference. *See* OAR 860-001-0300. Petitions to intervene received before the procedural conference may be ruled

upon during the conference. A form petition to intervene can be found online at:
<https://www.oregon.gov/puc/forms/Forms%20and%20Reports/Petition-to-Intervene-Form-PDF.pdf>

Dated this 4th day of January, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.



Alison Lackey
Administrative Law Judge