

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY,
dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

**MEMORANDUM REGARDING
HEARING PROCEDURES**

The Commission will conduct an evidentiary hearing in these proceedings beginning at 9:30 a.m. on July 30, 2024 (morning only), and 9:30 a.m. on August 1, 2024. This memorandum is intended to provide guidance regarding the (1) conduct of the hearing; and (2) prehearing documents to be filed.

This hearing will be held via Zoom as set forth in the notice of hearing issued July 16, 2024. While each witness is testifying, the witness, their designated counsel, and cross-examining counsel should plan to be visible via video. Each party participating in the hearing must file a list of active participants in the hearing, including witnesses and presenting and crossing counsel, and their email addresses, by 3:00 p.m. on July 25, 2024.

As set forth in the procedural schedule issued February 5, 2024, cross-examination statements, joint issues list/matrix, and exhibits are due by 3:00 p.m. on July 25, 2024. Cross-examination statements should include:

- (a) The estimated time and subject matter for each witness a party intends to question;
- (b) Whether there will be cross-examination regarding confidential materials or highly confidential materials and, if so, the estimated time and subject matter for each;
- (c) If a confidential session will be required, the name of each person qualified under the protective order who will be present; and
- (d) The counsel who will be asking questions of each witness.¹

Parties must submit cross-examination exhibits by July 25, 2024. Exhibits must be pre-marked as indicated in OAR 860-001-0480. If you have voluminous exhibits, please make arrangements with the Administrative Hearings Division Support group at PUC.Hearings@puc.oregon.gov to submit them.

¹ Please also indicate if counsel does not have initial cross but may have follow-up cross for that witness.

At the hearing, counsel should be prepared to ensure that any documents referenced at hearing are easily accessible to hearing participants, either through relying on submitted exhibits identified by page number or by email distribution.

Parties are required to submit written affidavits in support of testimony and exhibits they seek to offer into evidence as well as accompanying motions to admit in lieu of having witnesses adopt their testimony at hearing. Those motions must be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on August 5, 2024.

Dated this 16th day of July, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge