

**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: MOTION GRANTED ON EXPEDITED BASIS; PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE MODIFIED**

On July 24, 2024, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba Northwest Natural filed a motion requesting to modify the procedural schedule in these proceedings on behalf of itself and the other parties to these proceedings. The parties jointly propose to eliminate the July 30, 2024 date reserved for an evidentiary hearing and retain the August 1, 2024 session, because the parties do not expect to require more than one day for the hearing. The parties similarly propose to modify the deadline for cross-exam statements and exhibits from July 25, 2024, to July 29, 2024, and to eliminate the requirement for a joint issues matrix or list to allow the parties sufficient time to prepare for the hearing. The parties also propose to eliminate the settlement update due on July 25, 2024, because there have been no additional settlement discussions since the second partial stipulation filed on July 24, 2024. No party opposes the proposed modifications to the procedural schedule. NW Natural requests expedited consideration under OAR 860-001-0420(6), because the requested modifications affect deadlines and events scheduled to occur over the next few business days.

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I grant the motion to modify the procedural schedule on an expedited basis. Accordingly, the procedural schedule for the remainder of these proceedings is, as follows:

Event¹	Date
Cross Exam Statements and Exhibits from All Parties	July 29, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	August 1, 2024
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	August 15, 2024
Staff and Intervenors Closing Briefs	August 26, 2024
NW Natural Closing Brief	September 3, 2024
Oral Arguments	September 12, 2024
Commission Order Target Date	October 25, 2024
Rate Effective Date	November 1, 2024

Dated this 24th day of July, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge

¹ As stated in the scheduling memorandum issued on January 8, 2024, the filing deadline for all dates in this procedural schedule is 3:00 p.m. on the date of the event. Filings submitted after 3:00 p.m. will be considered filed on the following business day.