

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 60

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2014 Integrated Resource Plan.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

On September 16, 2014, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Commission Staff; Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; Northwest Pipeline LLC; Northwest Industrial Gas Users; and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon.

Petitions to Intervene

Before the conference, Portland General Electric Company (PGE) filed a petition to intervene. No party attending the conference objected to the petition. Upon review of the petition, I find that PGE has sufficient interest in the proceedings to participate and that its participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or delay the proceedings.¹ The petition to intervene is therefore granted. In addition, CUB filed a notice of intervention on July 31, 2014, in compliance with ORS 774.180.

Procedural Schedule

The parties agreed to the following procedural schedule, which I adopted:

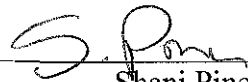
EVENT	DATE
Company Presentation at Commission Public Meeting	September 30, 2014
Deadline for Petitions to Intervene	October 6, 2014
Deadline for Filing Intervenor Budgets	October 6, 2014
Workshop (if needed)	Details TBD
Staff's and Intervenors' Comments due	November 24, 2014
Company's Reply Comments due	December 22, 2014
Second Workshop (if needed)	Details TBD
Staff's Final Recommendation due	January 15, 2015
All Parties' Comments due	February 2, 2015
Commission Public Meeting	February 24, 2015

¹ See OAR 860-001-0300.

The schedule includes a requested deadline for filing petitions to intervene. By statute, a person may petition to intervene at any time before the close of the record.² However, because it is helpful if parties are identified early in the proceedings, the Commission requests that petitions to intervene be filed by the date identified above.

Parties are reminded that attorneys not licensed in Oregon wanting to appear before the Commission in this docket must file an application for admission to appear pro hac vice.³

Dated this 16th day of September, 2014, at Salem, Oregon.



Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge

² See ORS 756.525.

³ See UTCR 3.170, OAR 860-001-0320.