

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 71

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

2018 Integrated Resource Plan.

PREHEARING CONFERENCE
MEMORANDUM

On September 18, 2018, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB); Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC); and Commission Staff.

Petitions to Intervene

Prior to the conference, AWEC and the Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE) filed petitions to intervene in this docket. Although proceedings to review a utility's integrated resource plan (IRP) are not considered contested case proceedings under ORS 183.310(2), the Commission grants petitions to intervene for the limited purposes of:

- 1) creating a service list; and
- 2) establishing eligibility to sign a protective order.

The petitions to intervene filed by AWEC and ODOE are granted for the limited purposes described above.

Procedural Schedule

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

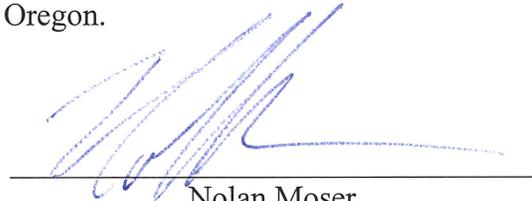
EVENT	DATE
NW Natural Presentation at Public Meeting	October 9, 2018
Staff and Intervenor Comments	October 15, 2018
NW Natural Reply Comments	November 19, 2018
Commission Workshop (if requested by Commission)	December 4, 2018 (afternoon)
Staff Final Comments/Recommendations	December 31, 2018
All Parties Comments on Staff Recommendations	February 8, 2019
Staff Report	February 20, 2019
Public Meeting	February 26, 2019

Beginning November 26, 2018, the parties agreed to a seven business day data response turn-around.

By statute, a person may petition to intervene at any time before the close of the record.¹ But because it is helpful if parties are identified early in the proceedings, the Commission requests that petitions to intervene be filed as soon as practicable.

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.¹

Dated this 18th day of September, 2018, at Salem, Oregon.



Nolan Moser
Administrative Law Judge

¹ See UTCR 3.170, OAR 860-001-0320.