

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1286

In the Matter of	)	
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THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION	)	
OF OREGON	)	PREHEARING CONFERENCE
	)	MEMORANDUM
Investigation into the Purchased Gas	)	
Adjustment (PGA) mechanism used by	)	
Oregon's three local distribution	)	
companies.	)	

**DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE SET FOR WORKSHOPS, SECOND  
PREHEARING CONFERENCE; PETITIONS TO  
INTERVENE GRANTED**

A prehearing conference was held in this docket on January 11, 2007. NW Natural Gas Company (NW Natural), Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU), Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), Avista Corporation (Avista), and Commission Staff (Staff) appeared in person. The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) appeared via telephone. At the conference, Staff circulated a proposed schedule for workshops. The proposed schedule is as follows:

- Workshop 1 -- January 22, 2007
- Workshop 2 -- February 22, 2007
- Workshop 3 -- March 29, 2007
- Workshop 4 -- April 19, 2007
- Workshop 5 -- May 17, 2007
- Workshop 6 -- June 11, 2007
- Workshop 7 -- July 11, 2007
- Workshop 8 -- August 23, 2007

The workshop schedule is adopted.

Staff is directed to develop and maintain an e-mail distribution list of the persons participating in the workshops. That list is separate from the service list in this proceeding. Staff will provide participants with the times and locations of the workshops.

Staff is directed to submit a report on the progress in the workshops and the status of this matter on August 30, 2007. All parties are requested to assist Staff in its preparation of the report.

A second prehearing conference is scheduled for September 14, 2007, to consider the contents of the report and to set a schedule for the completion of this matter. An official notice setting the time and location of the conference will be sent to the parties prior to the conference.

CUB filed its notice of intervention in this docket on December 12, 2006. Petitions to intervene were filed by Cascade Natural Gas Corporation and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU). As one of the three utilities referenced in the caption, Cascade is granted party status. NW Natural and Avista also are granted party status. NWIGU is granted party status conditionally. If no party challenges NWIGU's petition within ten days from its date of filing, NWIGU's petition is granted.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 17th day of January, 2007.

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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge