

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

LC 46

In the Matter of)
)
CASCADE NATURAL GAS) PREHEARING CONFERENCE
CORPORATION) MEMORANDUM
)
2008 Integrated Resource Plan)

On February 10, 2009, a prehearing conference was held in this docket. The primary purposes of the conference were to identify the parties to the proceeding, and to set a procedural schedule.

Appearances

Appearances were entered as follows: Katherine Barnard, by telephone, on behalf of Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade); Chad Stokes, by telephone, on behalf of Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU); Lynn Kittilson and Bonnie Tatum on behalf of Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Commission).

Procedural Schedule

Conference participants agreed to, and I adopted, a procedural schedule with the following dates:

EVENT	DATE
Parties' Comments due	March 24, 2009
Responses by any Party due	April 14, 2009
Staff draft recommendations/draft order due	May 5, 2009
Comments on Staff recommendations due	May 19, 2009
Staff final recommendations/draft proposed order due	June 2, 2009
Comments on Staff recommendations/proposed order due	June 16, 2009
Commission public meeting	June 16, 2009

Petitions to Intervene

NWIGU filed a Petition to Intervene on February 9, 2009. Upon review of the Petition, I find that NWIGU has sufficient interest in the proceeding, and that its participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. I conditionally granted the Petition, pending the period of time for protest. If no objection is filed by February 19, 2009, the Petition will be finally granted on that date. *See* OAR 860-013-0050(1)(c).

Although parties did not set a date for any other petitions to intervene, parties may still intervene, but should do so as soon as possible.

Dated this 12th day of February, 2009, at Salem, Oregon.

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Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge