

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 **UM 903**

4 In the Matter of
5 Northwest Natural Gas Company dba NW
6 Natural
7 2011 Spring Earnings Review

**MOTION TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

8 Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) moves the Administrative Law
9 Judge (ALJ) to implement a schedule agreed to by Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW
10 Natural), the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), Staff, and the Northwest Industrial Gas
11 Users (NWIGU) for submitting documents regarding disputed issues in NW Natural's 2011
12 Spring Earnings Review. NW Natural, CUB, and NWIGU support this motion.

13 OAR 860-022-0070(6) establishes the process for resolving disputed issues that arise
14 during review of a gas utility's spring earnings review filing as follows:

15 [If issues are unresolved among all parties, a settlement conference including all
16 parties will be conducted. By August 1, the parties will file position statements
17 with the Commission on unresolved issues, if needed. The Commission will issue
18 its decision on unresolved issues, if any, by August 15. Unless otherwise directed
19 by the Commission, each LDC will file its annual gas cost tracking filing by
 August 31, including amortization of credit amounts in the deferred account, if
 any, resulting from the earnings review.

20 On July 20, 2011, Staff asked to suspend the previously-agreed to procedural
21 schedule in this docket to allow parties additional time to confer about recently identified
22 issues in NW Natural's 2011 Spring Earnings Review. On July 21, NWIGU, Staff, CUB
23 and NW Natural participated in a telephone conference in which they agreed to file
24 position statements/ opening comments on July 27, 2011, and reply comments on August
25 8, 2011, regarding disputed issues arising during NW Natural's 2011 Spring Earnings
26 Review.

1 **CONCLUSION**

2 For the foregoing reasons, Staff asks that the ALJ implement a procedural
3 schedule under which position statements/opening comments are due July 27, 2011, and
4 reply comments are due August 8, 2011.

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6 DATED this 21st day of July 2011.

7 Respectfully submitted,

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1 **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

2 I certify that on July 21, 2011, I served the foregoing MOTION TO ESTABLISH
3 PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE upon the parties in this proceeding by electronic mail and by
4 sending a true, exact and full copy by regular mail, postage prepaid, or by hand-delivery/shuttle,
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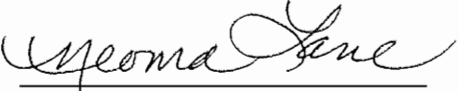
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