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Attention: Filing Center
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Re: *In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural 2011 Spring Earnings Review.*
PUC Docket No.: UM 903
DOJ File No.: 860135-GB0058-98

Enclosed are an original and one copy of Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule in the above-captioned matter for filing with the PUC for today.

Sincerely,

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c: UM 903 Service List

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 MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

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

13 Currently, the parties have until August 12, 2011, to file responses to the August 1, 2011
14 Position Statements/Opening Comments filed by parties and to the August 3, 2011 Commission
15 Bench Request on August 12, 2011. Staff seeks an extension of time of one week, from August
16 12, 2011 to August 19, 2011, to file these responses for two reasons. First, the issues presented
17 in this matter are complex, and additional time is needed to complete and finalize the responses
18 to the Opening Comments and the Commission's Bench Request. Second, Staff discovered an
19 error in a calculation today and alerted parties to this error. Counsel for Northwest Natural states
20 that her client would like additional time to revise its response to address what will be Staff's
21 corrected proposed adjustment.

22 Finally, no party objects to a decision by the Commission regarding the disputed issue
23 that post-dates August 15, 2011.

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1 **CONCLUSION**

2 For the foregoing reasons, Staff asks that the ALJ extend the due date for reply
3 comments and for responses to the Commission's Bench Request from August 12, 2011
4 to August 19, 2011, for all parties.

5 DATED this 9th day of August 2011.

6 Respectfully submitted,

7 JOHN R. KROGER
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13 Of Attorneys for Staff of the Public Utility
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 9th day of August, 2011, I served the foregoing Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule upon the persons named on the service list, by mailing a full, true and correct copy thereof and to such persons waiving such service by mail who were served at their e-mail address as listed on the service list.

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