

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1744

In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
COMPANY, dba NW Natural)	SCHEDULE
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Emissions Reduction Program.)	EXPEDITED CONSIDERATION
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Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0420, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”) submits this motion to amend the procedural schedule. The current procedural schedule includes an evidentiary hearing date on Thursday November 19, 2015. The parties have been engaged in settlement conferences, which could potentially resolve or narrow the issues in this proceeding. In order to continue settlement negotiations, NW Natural moves to amend the procedural schedule and change the hearing date from November 19, 2015 to Friday December 18, 2015, and vacate the rest of the schedule. NW Natural has verified that this new date will work for the Administrative Law Judge, and all three Commissioners. NW Natural intends to use the currently scheduled November 19, 2015 date as a settlement conference. The parties will discuss and propose a new briefing schedule shortly.

NW Natural has conferred with the other parties to this proceeding, and all but two either support or do not oppose moving the hearing date from November 19, 2015 to December 18, 2015. Portland General Electric Company (“PGE”) and PacifiCorp are the only parties that oppose this motion. PGE’s and PacifiCorp’s witnesses, however, are available on December 18, 2015. In addition, neither PGE nor PacifiCorp has requested

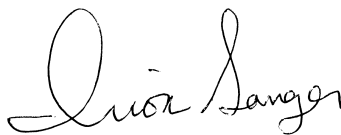
time to cross-examine any witnesses at the hearing in this case. All parties, including PGE and PacifiCorp, are invited to the next settlement meeting. Therefore, moving the hearing date to allow all the parties more time to attempt to reach a mutually agreeable resolution of issues in this proceeding should benefit the parties, and will not harm PGE and PacifiCorp.

NW Natural requests expedited consideration of this motion given that the evidentiary hearing is the currently scheduled in three days.

Dated this 16th day of November 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

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