ISSUED: August 13, 2013

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1654

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Investigation of Interstate Storage and Optimization Sharing.

RULING

DISPOSITION:

MOTION GRANTED; SCHEDULE AMENDED

On August 12, 2013, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) filed an expedited motion to amend the procedural schedule in this docket. CUB requests that the filing date for Commission Staff and intervenors' reply testimony be moved to August 19, 2013, and that the filing date for NW Natural's rebuttal testimony be moved to September 16, 2013.

CUB states that the additional time will give CUB the chance to incorporate NW Natural's data request responses into CUB's reply testimony. CUB states that NW Natural, Staff, and Northwest Industrial Gas Users do not object to CUB's motion to extend the date for Staff and intervenor reply testimony.

The motion to amend the procedural schedule is granted. I adopt the following dates:

Staff and Intervenor Reply Testimony Due NW Natural Rebuttal Testimony Due August 19, 2013 September 16, 2013

By August 19, 2013, parties should file a proposed procedural schedule with amendments to the remaining dates currently on the docket calendar. The target date for the Commission's decision is currently set for December 31, 2013. If parties' proposed dates are too close to that date, the Commission may issue its decision in 2014.

Dated this 13th day of August, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.

Shani Pines Administrative Law Judge