

**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: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AMENDED; MOTION GRANTED

The Commission held a telephone prehearing conference in this docket on September 10, 2013. Representatives for Commission Staff, NW Natural, and Northwest Industrial Gas Users participated in the conference. At the conference, I discussed with the parties the dates available for a hearing. In order to accommodate a later hearing date, the parties had no objection to a revised procedural schedule with a target Commission decision date in 2014. After the telephone conference, counsel for NW Natural filed a motion to extend the date for its reply testimony from September 16, 2013, to September 23, 2013.

I grant NW Natural's motion, and adopt the following revised procedural schedule:

EVENT	DATE
NW Natural Reply Testimony due	September 23, 2013
Pre-Hearing Briefs due	November 18, 2013
Cross-Examination Statements due	December 2, 2013
Pre-Filed Exhibits due	December 9, 2013
Hearing	December 16, 2013

Dated this 12th day of September, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.



Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge