

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1722, UG 286

In the Matters of

PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,
Investigation into Recovery of Safety
Costs by Natural Gas Utilities (UM 1722)

and

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,
Request to Continue Schedule 177, the
System Integrity Program Recovery
Mechanism (UG 286)

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED IN PART

On February 29, 2016, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural filed a motion to amend the schedule in this docket. NW Natural requests a new round of testimony on March 23. NW Natural explains that all party reply testimony is due on March 9,¹ and an additional round of testimony will allow the local distribution companies (LDCs) to respond, if needed, to any new issues before the Commission Workshop scheduled for March 30.

The motion is granted in part. The LDCs should be given the opportunity for an additional round of testimony to be filed on March 23. However, the Commissioners have requested that the Commission Workshop be moved to mid-April. Current available dates include: April 12, 13 afternoon, 14 afternoon, 22, or 29. The parties are directed to select a new date for the Commission Workshop, and request any other needed adjustments to the remaining schedule by March 9, 2016.

Dated this 3rd day of March, 2016, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge

¹ This all party reply testimony due March 9, 2016 was inadvertently omitted from the table in NW Natural's motion to amend the procedural schedule, filed January 20, 2016, and my January 22, 2016 ruling granting that motion. The event remains on the schedule.