

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 1804

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Application for Approval of Corporate  
Reorganization to Create a Holding  
Company.

RULING

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED

On April 27, 2017, the Commission Staff filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this matter to allow for resolution of the pending discovery dispute and time for the parties to more fully develop the record. Besides shifting the schedule to allow for resolution of the discovery dispute, the parties propose to add an opportunity for Northwest Natural Gas Company to file supplemental testimony.

Staff states that all parties support the motion, and asks for expedited treatment of the motion given the fast-approaching deadlines for the filing of Staff and Intervenor testimony.

For good cause shown, Staff's motion is granted. The adopted schedule is modified from the schedule proposed by Staff after consultation with Commission office and the parties.

The following schedule is adopted:

EVENT	DATE
NW Natural Supplemental Testimony	May 8, 2017
Staff/Intervenor Reply Testimony	June 14, 2017
Settlement Conference <sup>1</sup>	June 20, 2017
NW Natural Rebuttal Testimony; Staff/Intervenor Cross-Answering Testimony; Staff/Intervenor optional Testimony to respond to materials subject to motion to compel	July 7, 2017
Settlement Conference	July 11, 2017
NW Natural optional Responsive Testimony to Staff/Intervenor optional Testimony	July 11, 2017
All Parties Cross-Exam Statements and Exhibits	July 17, 2017
Hearing	July 31, 2017

<sup>1</sup> The settlement conference dates are provided for the convenience of the parties. The dates may be changed by mutual consent without permission.

NW Natural Opening Brief	August 10, 2017
Staff/Intervenors Response Briefs	September 7, 2017
NW Natural Reply Brief; Staff/Intervenors Cross-Answering Briefs	September 20, 2017
Closing Oral Argument	September 25, 2017

Dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May, 2017, at Salem, Oregon.



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Patrick Power  
Administrative Law Judge