BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

UM 1635

In the Matter of NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL, Mechanism for Recovery of Environmental Remediation Costs.	PREHEARING CONFERENCE MEMORANDUM

On February 4, 2013, the Public Utility Commission of Oregon held a prehearing conference in this docket. Representatives appeared on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural; Commission Staff; Portland General Electric Company; the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon; and the Northwest Industrial Gas Users.

Procedural Schedule

I adopt the following procedural schedule:

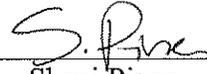| EVENT	DATE
Workshop re: design spread/rates[1]	February 11, 2013
NW Natural Filing	March 29, 2013
Commission Workshop	April 2, 2013
Settlement Conference	April 10, 2013
Proposed Intervenor Funding Budgets due	April 12, 2013
Staff and Intervenor Testimony due	May 3, 2013
Settlement Conference	May 10, 2013
NW Natural Reply Testimony due	May 28, 2013
Prehearing Briefs due	June 7, 2013
Hearing	June 14, 2013
Posthearing Briefs due	June 28, 2013
Oral Argument	July 10, 2013

The parties agreed that after May 28, 2013, there will be a five business day turn-around for the company's response to data requests.

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[1] Settlement conferences and workshops dates are included in the schedule for the parties' convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule workshops or settlement conferences.

The adopted schedule does not include a date for petitions to intervene. By statute, a person may petition to intervene at any time before the close of the record.[2]

Parties are reminded that attorneys not licensed in Oregon wanting to appear before the Commission in this docket must file an application for admission to appear pro hac vice.[3]

Dated this 7th day of February, 2013, at Salem, Oregon.

Shani Pines
Administrative Law Judge

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[2] *See* ORS 756.525.
[3] *See* UTCR 3.170, OAR 860-001-0320.