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PUC Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
PO Box 1088
Salem, OR 97308-2148

Re: Docket No. UM 1722 –Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs by Natural Gas Utilities

Dear PUC Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above referenced case is an electronic copy of the Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,


Wendy McIndoo

Attachments

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 **UM 1722**

4 IN THE MATTER OF

5 PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
6 OREGON,

7 Investigation into Recovery of Safety
Costs by Natural Gas Utilities

MOTION TO REVISE PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE

8 Pursuant to OAR 860-001-420, NW Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural) requests that
9 the Commission revise the current schedule in this case. The LDCs filed Opening Testimony,
10 on December 1, 2015, and on February 8, 2016, Staff and Intervenors filed their Opening
11 Testimony. Currently, the schedule calls for all parties to file reply testimony on March 9,
12 prior to a Commission workshop on March 30. The schedule also provides for a final round of
13 reply testimony to be filed by the LDCs, and cross-reply testimony by all parties, on April 11.

14 The parties attended a settlement conference on February 16. At that time, CUB,
15 NWIGU and Staff all expressed a desire to raise and address a new issue in their reply
16 testimony on March 9. NW Natural does not object, however would like an opportunity to
17 respond to that new issue—if appropriate-- prior to the Commission workshop. For this
18 reason, NW Natural proposes that the schedule be amended to add a new round of
19 testimony—to be filed on March 23rd-- for the LDCs to respond to any new issues raised in the
20 March 9 testimony. If the LDCs determine that they can effectively respond at the time of the
21 Commission workshop, they may opt not to file testimony on March 23rd and instead include
22 their response to the new issues in the testimony scheduled for April 11.

23 With the requested change, the remainder of the schedule will be as follows:
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Event	Date
All Parties Reply Testimony	March 9, 2016
LDC Reply to New Issues	March 23, 2016
Commission Workshop	March 30, 2016, 9:30 a.m.
LDC Reply Testimony, Staff and Intervenor Cross-Reply Testimony	April 11, 2016
All Parties Prehearing Briefs	April 21, 2016
Cross-Examination Statements	May 12, 2016
Hearing	May 27, 2016, 9:30 a.m.

All parties support this request for schedule change.

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