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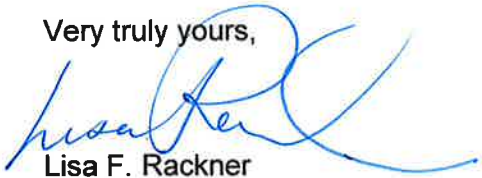
Re: Docket No. UM 1722 –Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs by Natural Gas Utilities

Dear PUC Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above referenced case is an electronic copy of the Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule of Northwest Natural Gas Company.

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

Very truly yours,



Lisa F. Rackner

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON
UG 286 & UM 1722**

In the Matters of)	
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PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF)	MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
OREGON)	SCHEDULE
)	
Investigation into Recovery of Safety Costs by))	
Natural Gas Utilities (UM 1722))	
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and)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,)	
dba NW NATURAL,)	
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Request to Continue Schedule 177, the)	
System Integrity Program Recovery)	
Mechanism (UG 286).)	

Pursuant to OAR § 860-001-0420 and Administrative Law Judge Rowe’s March 3, 2016 Ruling, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural”) submits this motion to amend the procedural schedule. On February 29, 2016, NW Natural filed a motion to amend the schedule in this docket to add a new round of testimony on March 23, 2016. The motion was granted in part, however, the Commissioners requested that the Commission Workshop be moved from March 28, 2016 to April 12, 13 (afternoon), 14 (afternoon), 22, or 29. The parties to this docket have conferred and all support moving the Commission Workshop to April 29, 2016.

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The change to the date of the Commission Workshop will also affect the remainder of the schedule in this docket. The parties have agreed upon the following schedule for the docket:

Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule	Event	Description
7/13/2016	<u>8/15/2016</u>	BRIEF DUE	Utility Reply, Staff and Intervenor Cross-Reply Briefs due
6/27/2016	<u>8/1/2016</u>	BRIEF DUE	Staff and Intervenor Response Briefs due
6/13/2016	<u>7/18/2016</u>	BRIEF DUE	LDCs Post-Hearing Briefs due
5/27/2016 9:30:00 AM	<u>Week of June 20th</u>	HEARING	<u>Commission to determine date.</u>
5/12/2016	<u>6/10/2016</u>	CROSS EXAMINATION STATEMENT DUE	Cross-Examination Statements due
4/21/2016	<u>6/3/2016</u>	BRIEF DUE	All Parties' Prehearing Briefs due.
4/11/2016	<u>5/20/2016</u>	TESTIMONY/EXHIBITS <u>DUE</u>	<u>Post-Workshop Testimony from All Parties</u> LDCs Reply Testimony due, Staff and Intervenor Cross-Reply Testimony due
3/30/2016	<u>4/29/2016</u>	HEARING (<u>Workshop</u>)	4/12/16 or later in April--Special Public Meeting--Commission Workshop. Details to be determined.
4/11/2016		TESTIMONY/EXHIBITS DUE	LDCs Reply Testimony due, Staff and Intervenor Cross-Reply Testimony due
3/23/2016	<u>4/13/16</u>	TESTIMONY/EXHIBITS DUE	LDCs Testimony due

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As indicated in the schedule above, the parties are available the week of June 20, 2016 for the hearing and request that the Commission choose an available date within that week for the hearing. All parties support the changes to the schedule.

Dated this 15th day of March 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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