

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 1744

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,Application for Approval of an Emission
Reduction Program.

RULING

DISPOSITION: PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE MODIFIED

On October 8, 2015, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this docket. On October 16, 2015, NW Natural filed another motion for leave to file rebuttal testimony, and contemporaneously filed the testimony. No party objects to either motion. For good cause shown, the procedural schedule is modified as shown below, and the rebuttal testimony is allowed. The schedule reflects the dates requested, with the addition of a requirement to file cross-examination statements on November 12.

I infer NW Natural's motion to be its authorization, under the voluntary emission reduction program statute ORS 757.539(7)(b), to extend the Commission's 180 day default deadline to issue a final order on an application.

EVENT	DATE
Proposed Budgets for Intervenor Funding	August 24, 2015
Staff and Intervenor Response Testimony	August 28, 2015
Settlement Conference ¹	September 18, 2015
All Party Reply Testimony	October 2, 2015
Second Settlement Conference	October 15, 2015
NW Natural Rebuttal Testimony	October 16, 2015
Prehearing Briefs and Cross-Examination Statements	October 30, 2015 November 12, 2015
Hearing	November 6, 2015, 9 a.m. November 19, 2015, 9:30 a.m.
NW Natural Opening Brief	November 9, 2015 December 4, 2015
Staff and Intervenor Response Briefs	November 24, 2015 December 22, 2015

¹ Settlement conference dates are included in the schedule for the parties' convenience. The parties do not need Commission approval to reschedule workshops.

All Party Reply Briefs	December 3, 2015 January 19, 2016
Target Date for Commission Order	December 21, 2015 TBD

Dated this 20th day of October, 2015, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Rowe
Administrative Law Judge