

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UM 2030

In the Matter of
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF
OREGON,
Investigation Into the Use of Northwest
Natural's Renewable Natural Gas Evaluation
Methodology.

NOTICE OF STAFF
WORKSHOP

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a Staff workshop in this docket as follows:

DATE: December 13, 2019
TIME: 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm
LOCATION: NW Natural
220 NW 2nd Ave, 4th Floor Hospitality Suite
Portland, OR 97209

The following conference call line has also been established:

Phone Number: 1-866-390-1828. The access code is 6739703.

If you plan to attend the meeting in-person please contact nick.sayen@state.or.us as soon as possible.

There is no need to RSVP to participate via conference call, but please note that the meeting will not be webcast, and opportunities to interact with the room via conference line will be limited.

In NW Natural's 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) the Company requested approval (“acknowledgement”) of its methodology for determining the cost-effectiveness of bringing renewable natural gas (RNG) resources to customers. The methodology is described in Appendix H to the 2018 IRP. The Commission opened this docket (UM 2030) to conduct an investigation into the use of the proposed methodology, and adopted Staff’s proposed framework consisting of two phases.

This workshop will be the first step in Phase 1 of the investigation. NW Natural will present its updated Appendix H RNG evaluation methodology at the workshop, and stakeholders may ask questions to gain an understanding of the avoided cost methodology.

The following materials may be useful to review in preparation for the workshop:

Appendix H, pages 399-419:

<https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAA/lc71haa151218.pdf>

Oregon Public Utility Commission Staff Final Comments, pages 16-19:

<https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/lc71hac134418.pdf>

NW Natural Final Comments, pages 20-25:

<https://edocs.puc.state.or.us/efdocs/HAC/lc71hac165146.pdf>

An agenda for the meeting follows:

- Introductions – 1:00p
- Agenda review and purpose of meeting – 1:15p
- NW Natural presentation – 1:30p
Updated Appendix H RNG evaluation methodology
- Stakeholder questions and discussion – 3:30p
- Next steps and wrap up – 4:30p

The meeting is open to the public. All interested parties should be sure they are on the UM 2030 Service List to ensure receipt of future announcements.

Please note: This investigative docket is separate from, but running parallel to, the Commission's RNG rulemaking process, Docket. No. AR 632. The rulemaking process will develop administrative regulations through which the Public Utility Commission will implement RNG programs for Oregon gas utilities. To that end, PUC Staff will also hold a workshop for AR 632 on this same date and at this same location, but at a different time, so that all parties interested in both dockets might attend both sessions. Detailed information about that workshop will be announced separately through the AR 632 docket.

If you have questions please contact Nick Sayen at 503-378-6355 or nick.sayen@state.or.us.