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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: Consolidated UG 435 / UG 411 / Application of NW Natural for a General Rate Revision / Schedule 198 Renewable Natural Gas Recovery.

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket is NW Natural's Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule, expedited consideration is requested.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

Alisha Till
Paralegal

Attachment

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 435 AND UG 411

In the Matter of

NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY D/B/A NW
NATURAL

Request for a General Rate Revision (UG
435), and

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable
Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism (ADV 1215)
(UG 411).

**MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

Expedited Treatment Requested

1 In accordance with OAR 860-001-0420, Northwest Natural Gas Company dba NW Natural
2 (“NW Natural” or “Company”), on behalf of all parties in these consolidated proceedings,¹
3 respectfully requests that the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Commission”) issue an order
4 revising the procedural schedule in the above-captioned docket.

5 On January 25, 2022, Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Sarah Spruce issued a
6 Procedural Conference Memorandum.² This schedule indicated that prehearing briefs and cross-
7 examination statements would be due from all parties by 3:00 p.m. July 28, 2022, and a Hearing
8 would take place on August 2, 2022.

9 The Company has conferred with all parties to this proceeding and is authorized to
10 represent that all parties have agreed to a mutual waiver of cross-examination and the stipulated
11 admission of certain exhibits, which obviates the need for the evidentiary hearing and prehearing

¹ The non-Company parties include: Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, the Small Business Utility Advocates and the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club.

² The ALJ issued an Amended Procedural Conference Memorandum on January 26, 2022, and subsequent Rulings regarding the procedural schedule on June 15 and July 7, 2022.

1 briefs. The parties propose filing the stipulated exhibits on July 28, 2022 by 3:00 p.m.
 2 Additionally, due to the proposed cancelation of the evidentiary hearing, the parties propose
 3 moving up the deadline for the Simultaneous Opening Briefs to August 10, 2022 to allow more
 4 time before filing Simultaneous Closing Briefs on August 22, 2022. Accordingly, NW Natural
 5 respectfully requests that ALJ Spruce amend the procedural schedule in this proceeding as
 6 follows:

Date	Activity
July 28, 2022	Pre-Hearing Briefs
July 28, 2022	Cross-Examination Statements
<i>July 28, 2022</i>	<i>Submission of Stipulated Cross-Examination Exhibits</i>
August 2, 2022	Evidentiary Hearing
August 15, 2022	Simultaneous Opening Briefs
<i>August 10, 2022</i>	
August 22, 2022	Simultaneous Closing Briefs
August 25, 2022	Oral Argument

7 The Company requests that the remaining dates set forth in the procedural schedule for
 8 Simultaneous Closing Briefs and Oral Argument remain in effect. In light of the looming deadlines
 9 in this proceeding, the Company requests expedited treatment of this motion pursuant to OAR
 10 860-001-0420(6).

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DATED this 27th day of July 2022.

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