

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Renewable Natural Gas Adjustment
Mechanism - Dakota City.

RULING

**DISPOSITION: STIPULATION, TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS ADMITTED;
WAIVER GRANTED; RECORD CLOSED**

The parties have filed a stipulation in this proceeding, which Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, moved to admit on August 18, 2023. At the same time, NW Natural requested a waiver of the requirement in OAR 860-001-0350(7) that settlements between parties be accompanied by joint testimony or a supporting brief when filed. Instead, the parties subsequently filed joint testimony on August 30, 2023.

Subsequently, NW Natural, Commission Staff, the Oregon Citizen's Utility Board (CUB), and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (AWEC) each filed motions to admit their own testimony and exhibits in this proceeding. The testimony and exhibits moved for admission are as follows:

PARTY/EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
Staff/101-104	Opening Testimony and Exhibits of Ted Drennan
Staff/200-204	Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Ted Drennan and Exhibits
NW Natural/100-108	Opening Testimony and Exhibits of Anna Chittum, including errata to NW Natural/100
NW Natural/200-203	Opening Testimony and Exhibits of Lora Bourdo & Kyle Walker
NW Natural/300-301	Reply Testimony and Exhibit of Anna Chittum including errata to NW Natural/301
NW Natural/400-401	Reply Testimony and Exhibit of Lora Bourdo & Kyle Walker
CUB/100-101	Opening Testimony and Exhibit of Will Gehrke and Exhibits
CUB/200-202	Cross-answering and Rebuttal Testimony and Exhibits of Will Gehrke

AWEC/100-103	Opening Testimony and Exhibits of Bradley G. Mullins
AWEC/200	Rebuttal and Cross-answering Testimony of Bradley G. Mullins
Stipulating Parties/100	Joint Testimony in Support of the Comprehensive Stipulation

I find the testimony and exhibits offered by the parties and supported by the declarations of the witnesses meet the standards for relevance as required by OAR 860-001-0450(1) and satisfy the requirements of OAR 860-001-0480. No party opposed the admission of any testimony or exhibits. The stipulation, testimony, and other exhibits are therefore admitted into the record as identified in the parties' motions. I also grant NW Natural's motion for waiver of OAR 860-001-0350(7).

Parties may file to correct the identification of testimony or exhibits by 3:00 p.m. on October 13, 2023. If no revisions are filed, the record will be considered closed.

Dated this 22nd day of September, 2023, at Salem, Oregon.

Katharine Mapes
Administrative Law Judge