

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 LC 83

4 In the Matter of:

5 CASCADE NATURAL GAS
6 CORPORATION,
7 2023 Integrated Resource Plan.

STAFF MOTION TO ESTABLISH
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

8 On June 2, 2023, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade or Company) filed its 2023
9 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (Staff) moves
10 to establish the following procedural schedule in this docket. Staff has conferred with all parties
11 and understands that all parties support this proposed schedule.

Date	Event
Public Meeting: Company Informational Only Presentation	July 25, 2023, 9:30 AM
Staff and Stakeholder Opening Comments Due	September 28, 2023
Company Reply Comments Due	October 26, 2023
Commissioner Workshop	November 16, 2023, 9:30 AM
Staff Final Comments	December 18, 2023
Company and Stakeholder Comments on Staff's Final Comments Due	February 7, 2024
Special Public Meeting: Public Hearing and Commissioner Work Session	March 7, 2024, 1:30 PM
Additional Special Public Meeting (If Needed) for Commissioner Work Session	March 14, 2024, 1:30 PM

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22 Staff notes that OAR 860-027-0400(7) requires Staff and parties to file their comments
23 and recommendations “*generally* within six months of IRP filing.” This schedule goes beyond
24 the six-month timeframe because Staff wanted to ensure that Docket No. LC 79, Northwest
25 Natural Gas Company’s 2022 Integrated Resource Plan, was complete, as the decisions made in
26 that docket will likely inform this and other future gas IRPs. OAR 860-027-0400(7) was

1 recently modified to include the word “generally,” which indicates that a waiver of the rule is not
2 required.¹ Given the recent rule change regarding timing, and that all parties support the
3 proposed schedule, Staff respectfully moves to establish the above schedule and post it in this
4 docket.

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6 DATED this 13th day of July 2023.

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Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See *In the Matter of Rulemaking for the Filing, Review, and Update of Clean Energy Plans*, revising OAR 860-027-0400, Order No. 23-198, Docket No. AR 655, Appendix A at 6-7.