

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 490

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

MEMORANDUM ON STAFF'S
SCHEDULING MOTION

On February 9, 2024, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a request for the Commission to hold a Commissioner workshop to discuss issues impacting environmental justice communities. On April 10, 2024, Staff filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule that requested a workshop to be held April 25, 2024, and that would not be attended by the Commissioners. Staff stated that it was requesting this change to the requested workshop after lessons learned from the workshop held in docket UE 426. Staff requested expedited consideration of this motion.

To the extent that this is a workshop to be held without attendance by the Commissioners and is intended to be a workshop for the parties and other invited stakeholders, the parties do not need permission from the Commission to schedule and hold this workshop. No workshop was ever scheduled with the Commissioners in this docket and there is no change to an existing event that must be made. For ease of reference, however, I revise the schedule to include the workshop described by Staff in its motion filed April 10, 2024. To the extent that the parties need or want to alter the date of this workshop, however, the parties are not obligated to notify the Commission or seek a modification of the schedule.

Accordingly, the procedural schedule is revised as set forth below:

Event ¹	Date
Public Comment Hearing	April 16, 2024, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Staff and Intervenors Opening Testimony	April 18, 2024
Environmental Justice Issues Workshop	April 25, 2024, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Settlement Conference	May 3, 2024
Settlement Status Report	May 10, 2024
NW Natural Reply Testimony ²	June 4, 2024
Settlement Conference	June 17, 2024
Settlement Status Report	June 24, 2024
Staff and Intervenors Rebuttal and Cross Answering Testimony	July 2, 2024

¹ As stated in the scheduling memorandum issued on January 8, 2024, the filing deadline for all dates in this procedural schedule is 3:00 p.m. on the date of the event. Filings submitted after 3:00 p.m. will be considered filed on the following business day.

² Response times for data requests will be shortened to five days after NW Natural files its reply testimony.

Settlement Conference	July 11, 2024
Settlement Status Report	July 16, 2024
NW Natural Surrebuttal Testimony	July 22, 2024
Settlement Conference	July 24, 2024
Settlement Status Report	July 25, 2024
Cross Exam Statements and Exhibits from All Parties, Joint Issues Matrix or Issues List	July 25, 2024
Evidentiary Hearing	July 30, 2024 (morning); August 1, 2024
Simultaneous Opening Briefs	August 15, 2024
Staff and Intervenors Closing Briefs	August 26, 2024
NW Natural Closing Brief	September 3, 2024
Oral Arguments	September 12, 2024
Commission Order Target Date	October 25, 2024
Rate Effective Date	November 1, 2024

Dated this 11th day of April, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge