Ms. Pease,

I have no information to share with the parties at this time with respect to the commissioners' availability or commitment to hear oral argument on the remaining open issues. Consequently, it would probably be best to file a motion and proposed schedule for the remainder of the proceeding without an assumption of a particular date or dates for presentation of oral argument.

The motion should include a representation for the record as to all parties' concurrence with respect to the proposed schedule.

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Subject: RE: UG 344 - NWN Rate Case

Hi Judge Arlow:

I have conferred with the parties and confirmed that oral argument (if requested by the Commission) will be limited to three issues. NW Natural is planning to file a motion today requesting a modification to the briefing schedule, and had also hoped to include a proposed modification to the date for oral argument. Please let us know if you can provide any insight as to Commissioner availability for oral argument the week of September 10, or if you would prefer that we just file our motion with respect to the briefing schedule and the oral argument date can be rescheduled later on.

Thank you, Jocelyn

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Good morning, Ms. Pease. I'm not at the Salem headquarters today, so I was unaware of your voicemail. If NWN is preparing to ask for an extension of time with respect to the filing of its opening brief, a change in schedule and a request for oral argument, it would serve everyone's interest to have a joint motion of all parties to that effect, so that we can have greater certainty in the scheduling process.

It would also be helpful to have a joint statement with respect to the scope of the oral argument so that the Commissioners have a sense as to whether it will be productive and what the allotted time should be. My recollection is that there were three unresolved issues, but I do not know whether that it still the case. Once I have a bit more information, I can contact with the Commission office and give them a better sense as to the status of the case and what to expect.

It appears that you have not copied either Staff counsel or the parties in your email to me. Please forward my correspondence with you to them and copy me, so that the record will reflect that everyone has proper notice. Thank you.

From: Jocelyn Pease <<u>jocelyn@mrg-law.com</u>> Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 9:38 AM To: ARLOW Allan <<u>aarlow@puc.state.or.us</u>> Subject: UG 344 - NWN Rate Case

Good morning, Judge Arlow:

This email follows a voicemail I left for you at your desk. NW Natural is planning to request an extension for filing its opening brief, and corresponding shift to the remainder of the procedural schedule. I would like to speak with you regarding Commissioner availability the week of September 10 for rescheduling the date for oral argument. Please give me a call at your earliest convenience.

Thank you, Jocelyn

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