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## **VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon Filing Center P.O. Box 1088 201 High Street SE, Suite 100 Salem, Oregon 97308-1088

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

## Attention Filing Center:

In accordance with Administrative Law Judge Spruce's June 30, 2022 Ruling granting the Stipulating Parties' Motion to Admit the Second Partial Stipulation and Request for Waiver ("Second Stipulation"), 1 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), submits this proposed schedule on behalf of the Stipulating Parties to specify the timing for the filing of the Small Business Utility Advocates ("SBUA") testimony objecting to the Second Stipulation, as well as the Stipulating Parties' Reply Testimony. All parties, except SBUA, 2 support this proposed procedural schedule.

Deadline	Event
July 7, 2022 due by 3 pm	Stipulating Parties' Joint Testimony in Support
	of Second Partial Stipulation
July 18, 2022 due by 3 pm	SBUA's Testimony Objecting to Second Partial
	Stipulation
July 28, 2022 due by 3 pm	Stipulating Parties' Reply Testimony to SBUA
	Objection to Stipulation

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The parties to the Second Partial Stipulation include: NW Natural, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, and the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club (collectively the "Stipulating Parties"). The Small Business Utility Advocates did not join the Second Stipulation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Shortly before the deadline for filing this schedule, SBUA proposed that the Stipulating Parties' Reply Testimony be due 8 calendar days (July 26). Due to the limited time after which SBUA shared its proposal, the parties have not had an opportunity to confer regarding SBUA's proposed deadline.

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The schedule set forth above is based on a target filing date of July 7, 2022³ for the Stipulating Parties' Joint Testimony in Support of Second Partial Stipulation ("Joint Testimony") and assumes 10 calendar days for SBUA to file its Objection Testimony, and another 10 calendar days for the Stipulating Parties to file Reply Testimony. In the event that the Joint Testimony is filed after July 8, 2022, the dates for filing Objection Testimony and Reply Testimony would need to be adjusted accordingly to reflect the 10 calendar day duration for each round of testimony.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Because the deadline of 10 calendar days after July 7, 2022 falls on the weekend, the deadline would be extended to that following Monday, July 18, 2022. Thus, the 10-calendar day period and July 18, 2022 deadline would apply whether the testimony is filed on July 7, 2022 or July 8, 2022.