

Kim Herb
JP Batmale
Oregon Public Utility Commission
Via email

Re: Request for Extension of Natural Gas Fact Finding Schedule (UM 2178)

Dear Ms. Herb and Mr. Batmale:

We write to request that the Oregon Public Utility Commission (OPUC) extend the schedule for the natural gas fact finding process so that interested parties have the ability to review and provide useful comments regarding the gas utilities' modeling results. Under the current schedule, the utilities must submit their models by September 7, 2021. Interested parties must submit comments regarding these models and their underlying assumptions by September 14, 2021. We do not believe a week provides our groups with sufficient time to review the models and their results, to engage with experts regarding the models and underlying assumptions, and to draft comments. Accordingly, we request that the Commission extend all of the deadlines by at least two weeks, so that comments regarding the modeling results are due September 21, 2021, and subsequent deadlines are also pushed back by two weeks.

If you wish to communicate directly with the signatories to this request, please contact Carra Sahler at the Green Energy Institute, at sahler@lclark.edu or (971) 213-9480.

Thank you for considering this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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