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Re: UG 221 Letter to ALJ Hardie re Second Bench Request and Request for Scheduling Conference

Dear ALJ Hardie:

I am writing on behalf of the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB), the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) and Staff (the parties).

The parties are in receipt of the Second Bench Request issued by the Commission this afternoon in regard to pensions. NWIGU, CUB and Staff would like to request an immediate scheduling conference to discuss how best to respond to this bench request. Ms. Rackner is discussing the matter with her client but advises that she is out Monday and Tuesday because of Rosh Hashonah. CUB is proposing that the parties would continue to file their Reply (Closing) Briefs on Wednesday but that all parties would then have the opportunity to issue discovery requests in regard to the bench request response due from NWN on September 21, 2012. CUB proposes that NWN would have 3 days to respond to those requests and then CUB further proposes that the parties would have the opportunity to provide supplemental briefing related to the bench request responses and discovery responses on Monday October 8, 2012. This email is sent on behalf of Staff, NWIGU and CUB and with the knowledge of Ms. Rackner.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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UG 221 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 14th day of September 2012, I served the foregoing **Letter to ALJ Hardie re Second Bench Request and Request for Scheduling Conference** in docket UG 221 upon each party listed in the UG 221 Service List by email and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, and upon the Commission by email and by sending one original and five copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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