BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UM 1635

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL

Mechanism for Recovery of Environmental Remediation Costs

MOTION TO SUSPEND PREHEARING CONFERENCE

[Expedited Consideration Requested]

1 Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420, the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon ("CUB") hereby 2 requests Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") Pines suspend the prehearing conference currently 3 scheduled for December 10, 2013. ALJ Pines' December 5, 2013 Memorandum 4 ("Memorandum") sets forth many issues to be addressed in the Phase II of the UM 1635 5 proceedings and request that parties be prepared to discuss those issues and a procedural 6 schedule for addressing those issues at the December 10, 2013 Prehearing Conference. Due to 7 the litigation schedules of CUB, and other parties to this docket, the parties will not have time 8 prior to the currently scheduled prehearing conference to analyze, discuss and decide upon a 9 schedule to propose to the ALJ and will, therefore, not be prepared to move forward with setting 10 a schedule for Phase II at the scheduled time set for hearing. CUB believes that the Commission 11 will benefit from the parties having additional time to both analyze the issues outlined in the 12 Memorandum, and to construct a proposed schedule for Phase II prior to the setting of a schedule 13 in this docket, and therefore proposes to work with the parties in setting a new date for the 14 prehearing conference, and a schedule to propose at that time once each party has had time to

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1	consider its scheduling needs and the potential scope of these Phase II proceedings.
2	In accordance with the requirements of OAR 860-001-0420(3) and OAR 860-001-
3	0420(7), CUB has conferred with Commission Staff, NW Natural, and Northwest Industrial Gas
4	Users ("NWIGU"), which have responded as follows:
5	• Staff: support
6	• NWIGU: support
7	• NW Natural: support
8	At the time this Motion was filed, CUB had not received a response from PGE.
9	Due to the short amount of time before the scheduled prehearing conference in this
10	docket, CUB requests expedited consideration of this motion.

DATED this 5th day of December, 2013.

Respectfully submitted,

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UM 1635 – CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that, on this 5th day of December, 2013, I served the foregoing **MOTION TO SUSPEND PREHEARING CONFERENCE** in docket UM 1635 upon each party listed in the UM 1635 PUC 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 two copies by U.S. mail, postage prepaid, to the Commission's Salem offices.

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