ISSUED: October 2, 2020

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

OF OREGON

LC 76

In the Matter of

RULING

CASCADE NATURAL GAS CORPORATION,

2020 Integrated Resource Plan.

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED; SCHEDULE MODIFIED; RULE WAIVER GRANTED

A procedural schedule was adopted in this docket by Ruling of August 21, 2020. On September 30, 2020, the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon filed a Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule. In support of its motion, Staff states that it requires additional time in this docket because of a Staff lead change in conjunction with obligations in other dockets.

Staff further states that it does not believe that the second Commission Workshop, originally scheduled to be held in October, is necessary. Finally, Staff requests a waiver of OAR 860-027-0400(5), requiring Staff and parties to file their comments and recommendations within six months of IRP filing. Staff states that it is requesting this waiver to accommodate the requested modifications to the procedural schedule.

Finally, Staff represents that all parties have indicated they do not object to Staff's motion, and Staff therefore asks that the opportunity for response be eliminated or, in the alternative, that the motion be conditionally granted pending a brief opportunity for response.

DISCUSSION

I find good cause exists to grant the motion, waive the requirements of OAR 860-027-0400(5), and adopt the following schedule for the remainder of these proceedings as proposed by Staff:

EVENT	DATE
Staff and Intervenor Opening Comments	November 20, 2020
Cascade Reply Comments	December 18, 2020
Staff and Intervenor Final Comments	January 21, 2021
Commission Workshop (subject to Commission need)	January 26, 2021
Cascade Final Reply Comments	February 19, 2021

Staff Public Meeting Memorandum	March 26, 2021
All Parties Replies to Staff Memorandum	April 16, 2021
Special Public MeetingCommission Acknowledgement Decision	April 27, 2021

The schedule proposed by the parties is adopted with the understanding that dates requiring Commission participation or action are advisory only and subject to the needs of the Commission.

RULING

- 1. The Motion to Modify the Procedural Schedule filed by the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon is granted and the proposed schedule is adopted subject to the condition that no comments or objections are filed with respect to the Motion within ten days of this Ruling.
- 2. Oregon Administrative Rule 860-027-0400(5) is waived to the extent necessary to implement the procedural schedule adopted in this Ruling.

Dated this 2nd day of October, 2020, at Salem, Oregon.

Allan J. Arlow Administrative Law Judge