

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UG 170

In the Matter of:	)	
	)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,	)	
dba NW NATURAL	)	RULING
	)	
Filing of tariffs establishing automatic	)	
adjustment clauses under the terms of SB 408.	)	

**DISPOSITION: MOTION TO AMEND SCHEDULE GRANTED**

On January 24, 2008, Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural) filed a motion to amend the procedural schedule in this docket. NW Natural explains that it has reached a settlement-in-principle with the Public Utility Commission of Oregon Staff, and that the two parties request that the schedule be amended as follows:

EVENT	DATE
Filing of Stipulation and Explanatory Brief or Testimony	February 15, 2008
Written Objections, if any, to the Stipulation	February 29, 2008
Reply Comments in Support of Stipulation, if necessary	March 7, 2008
Simultaneous Closing Briefs	March 13, 2008

NW Natural states that it has conferred with the other parties in this docket and that none oppose this motion. NW Natural also notes that the stipulating parties would support further modification of the schedule to accommodate the need for an evidentiary hearing, if requested.

NW Natural’s motion is granted. Although OAR 860-014-0085(5) generally allows a party to object to a stipulation within 20 days, I find good cause exists to shorten that time period to 14 days in light of the statutorily imposed deadline for a Commission order in this docket.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 24th day of January, 2008.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Michael Grant  
Chief Administrative Law Judge