ISSUED: February 16, 2007

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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In the Matter of the)	
PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON)))	MEMORANDUM
Staff Request to Open an Investigation into the Earnings of Cascade Natural Gas.)))	

DISPOSITION: MOTION GRANTED; AMENDED SCHEDULE ADOPTED

Following a prehearing conference, a schedule was adopted for this proceeding that set February 15, 2007, as the filing date for testimony on behalf of Commission Staff (Staff) and intervenors. By motion filed February 15, 2007, the Northwest Industrial Gas Users (NWIGU) and the Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon (CUB) request a postponement of the date for filing their testimony.

In support of their motion they observe that this proceeding is unique, with Staff filing first, and Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade) responding to Staff. They state that they are not in a position to file their testimony at this time, and request that they be allowed to file after Staff and Cascade.

They acknowledge that due process requires that Cascade have the right to respond to their testimony, and that Staff's rebuttal testimony will follow Cascade's filing. They state that they have consulted with Staff and Cascade, and that both parties support the proposed changes in the schedule.

NWIGU and CUB have shown good cause to amend the procedural schedule. The revised schedule is adopted:

April 16, 2007	Cascade files direct testimony (Rebuttal to Staff direct)
May 4, 2007	Intervenors file direct testimony
May 25, 2007	Cascade files rebuttal to intervenors
June 15, 2007	Staff files rebuttal
July 2, 2007	Hearing.

Intervenors are directed to confer	with all parties to schedule a prehearing conference	•
after June 15th, but before July 2n	nd. The parties should submit alternate dates and tir	mes.

Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 16th day of February, 2007.

Patrick Power Administrative Law Judge