ISSUED: July 27, 2022

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

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NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW Natural,

**RULING** 

Request for a General Rate Revision (UE 435),

Advice 20-19, Schedule 198 Renewable Natural Gas Recovery Mechanism (ADV 1215) (UG 411).

DISPOSITION: MOTION TO MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE GRANTED

On July 27, 2022, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a motion to modify the procedural schedule to eliminate the scheduled evidentiary hearing and prehearing briefs. NW Natural states that the parties have agreed to a mutual waiver of cross-examination statements and the exhibits to be admitted, obviating the need for an evidentiary hearing and prehearing briefs. Additionally, NW Natural proposes to move the deadline to file simultaneous opening briefs to August 10, 2022, and the deadline to file simultaneous closing briefs to August 22, 2022. NW Natural states that it has conferred with the parties in this proceeding and represents that the parties support its motion. NW Natural requests expedited treatment of this motion pursuant to OAR 860-001-0420(6).

I grant NW Natural's motion to modify the procedural schedule. The schedule for the remainder of this proceeding is as follows:

| Event                                 | Date             |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| Stipulated Cross-Examination Exhibits | July 28, 2022    |
| Simultaneous Opening Briefs           | August 10, 2022  |
| Simultaneous Closing Briefs           | August 22, 2022  |
| Oral Argument                         | August 25, 2022  |
| Target Commission Order date          | October 20, 2022 |
| Effective Date                        | November 1, 2022 |

Dated this 27th day of July, 2022, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Spruce

Administrative Law Judge