

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

MEMORANDUM; PROPOSED
SCHEDULE DUE IN ADVANCE OF
PREHEARING CONFERENCE

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a prehearing conference in this proceeding at 2:00 p.m. on January 29, 2024. The purpose of the prehearing conference will be to identify parties and establish a schedule. Please be advised that any filing deadlines in the procedural schedule will be set at 3:00 p.m. in order to provide adequate processing time for the Filing Center.

I request that the parties confer and file a proposed procedural schedule no later than 3:00 p.m. on January 24, 2024. When preparing the proposed schedule for discussion at the prehearing conference, I request that parties structure the schedule so that there are no less than eight weeks provided for the Commission's deliberation and preparation of an order after the final briefs are filed. Any oral arguments may be scheduled within those eight weeks. Additionally, the schedule must include regular settlement status updates, to be provided within two weeks after each settlement conference.

Evidentiary hearings, oral argument, and any Commissioner-attended events should be scheduled on Tuesday afternoons or Thursday mornings or afternoons whenever possible. The parties may indicate whether they would prefer that any hearing or other event be held as a remote-only event or as a hybrid remote or in-person event.

The Commission strongly encourages any person seeking to participate as a party in this proceeding to file a petition to intervene before the procedural conference. *See* OAR 860-001-0300. Petitions to intervene received before the procedural conference may be ruled upon during the conference. A form petition to intervene can be found online at: <https://www.oregon.gov/puc/forms/Forms%20and%20Reports/Petition-to-Intervene-Form-PDF.pdf>.

Chief Administrative Law Judge Nolan Moser will be holding training sessions for intervenors who seek funding pursuant to OAR 860-001-0800 through OAR 860-001-900. A memorandum providing more information on the session, including when and where it will be held, will be issued in this docket.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.



Sarah Spruce
Administrative Law Judge