ISSUED: March 6, 2024

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 REGARDING PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

On February 5, 2024, I issued a prehearing conference memorandum that established the schedule in these proceedings. That schedule identified the date for the public comment hearing as to be determined. The Public Utility Commission will hold the public comment hearing starting at 6:00 p.m. on April 16, 2024. The official notice will be issued at a later date.

The schedule also established a deadline of April 18, 2024, for Staff and intervenors to file their opening testimony in these proceedings. Under the Commission's internal operating guidelines, Staff generally includes a summary of public comments received as part of its opening testimony and attaches any written comments to that testimony. Given that the public comment hearing will occur only two days before Staff's opening testimony is due, Staff may instead file supplemental testimony that includes the summary of comments received. Staff may file this supplemental opening testimony by May 7, 2024. The testimony should cover all comments received by April 23, 2024.

Dated this 6th day of March, 2024, at Salem, Oregon.

Sarah Spruce Administrative Law Judge