

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

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In the Matter of)	
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NORTHWEST NATURAL)	PREHEARING
)	CONFERENCE
Investigation Regarding Possible Continuation)	REPORT
of Distribution Margin Normalization Tariff.)	

DISPOSITION: SCHEDULE ADOPTED

On May 9, 2005, a prehearing conference was held in Salem, Oregon. The purpose of the conference was to identify issues and establish a procedural schedule. Northwest Natural (NWN), Community Action Directors of Oregon (CADO), Oregon Energy Coordinators Association (OECA), Northwest Industrial Gas Users, NW Energy Coalition (NWEC), Avista Corporation (Avista) and Staff were present.

The Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon previously filed a Notice of Intervention, which was acknowledged at the conference. The Oregon Department of Energy, Avista, NWEC, Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, CADO and OECA filed petitions to intervene. No one present at the conference objected to the petitions. These entities have sufficient interest in the proceeding, and their appearance and participation will not unreasonably broaden the issues, burden the record, or unreasonably delay the proceeding. *See* OAR 860-012-0001. The petitions to intervene are conditionally granted, subject to timely objections by parties not present at the conference. Objections are due on or before May 13, 2005.

The following expedited schedule was adopted:

ACTION	DATE
NWN distributes settlement proposal to parties (Settlement proposal is not filed with the PUC)	May 10, 2005
Staff distributes response to parties (Response is not filed with the PUC).	May 12, 2005
Petitions to Intervene Due	May 13, 2005
Settlement Conference	May 17, 2005 at 9:30 am
Prehearing Conference	May 17, 2005 at 3:00 pm

Filings are to be "in hand" on the due date.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2005.

Kathryn A. Logan
Administrative Law Judge