

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UM 2030

In the Matter of

Public Utility Commission of Oregon

Investigation into the use of Northwest  
Natural's Renewable Natural Gas  
evaluation methodology.

**NOTICE OF PHASE 2 STAFF  
WORKSHOP**

The Public Utility Commission of Oregon will hold a Staff workshop in this docket as follows:

**DATE:** June 16, 2020  
**TIME:** 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** This workshop will be conducted as a conference call.

In Northwest Natural's (NW Natural) 2018 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) the Company requested approval (“acknowledgement”) of its methodology for determining the cost-effectiveness of bringing renewable natural gas (RNG) resources to customers. The methodology is described in Appendix H to the 2018 IRP. The Commission opened this docket to conduct an investigation into the use of the proposed methodology, and adopted Staff’s proposed framework consisting of two phases.

The investigation has completed Phase One in which: NW Natural presented its updated Appendix H RNG evaluation methodology for review through a December 2019 workshop, and through submission to the docket; and stakeholders submitted comments on the updated methodology, and the Company submitted reply comments.

Phase Two of the investigation is planned to consist of the following steps:

- When NW Natural has a project for consideration, the Company will file work papers demonstrating the RNG methodology as applied to the RNG project.

- Within two months of the date the company shares the RNG project information, there will be a final opportunity for all parties to submit comments on the methodology.
- Within one month, Staff will bring a recommendation to the Commission at a public meeting. Commissioners will have the option to acknowledge the methodology and/or provide further guidance.

**NW Natural submitted project work papers on June 2, 2020** and has agreed to review these work papers, and address questions, in a Staff Workshop scheduled for June 16, 2020 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm Pacific.

As the purpose of this workshop is to review work papers containing information designated as Highly Confidential by NW Natural, **this workshop is open only to parties that have signed the modified protective order for this docket.**

**The protective order and the modified protective order must be signed by Friday, June 12, 2020 in order to participate in this workshop.**

**Please RSVP to [nick.sayen@state.or.us](mailto:nick.sayen@state.or.us) by 4:00 pm Pacific Monday, June 15, 2020 if you would like to participate.** Due to the highly confidential status of the material being reviewed Staff will provide participation instructions to parties that have signed the modified protective order for this docket.

All interested parties should be sure they are on the UM 2030 Service List to ensure receipt of future announcements.

Questions and comments can be directed to Nick Sayen at [nick.sayen@state.or.us](mailto:nick.sayen@state.or.us) or (503) 378-6355.