

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

UG 520

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY, dba NW NATURAL,

Request for a General Rate Revision.

MODIFIED  
PROTECTIVE  
ORDER

**DISPOSITION: MOTION FOR MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER GRANTED**

On December 20, 2024, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, filed a motion for a modified protective order to provide additional protections for sensitive security information (SSI) and highly confidential information, including commercially sensitive information, related to the NW Natural's forthcoming application for a general rate revision.

NW Natural states that its application for a general rate revision will include testimony related to the company's implementation of Security Directive 2 required by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA). NW Natural states that its ability to share the SSI-designated portions of Security Directive 2 and the company's associated compliance activities is severely limited by 49 CFR 1520.9 and that it may only do so with persons with a "need to know" as defined by 49 CFR 1520.11 or with those whom the TSA or other authorized federal agency has granted written authorization pursuant to 49 CFR 1520.9(a)(2).

Under the modified protective order requested by NW Natural, parties may designate as SSI any information that the party reasonably determines constitutes SSI per 49 CFR 1520.5. Information that constitutes SSI must be marked in accordance with the modified protective order and with applicable federal regulations, which also instruct recipients on the handling and disposal of SSI. NW Natural states that this information may be shared via hard copy only and holders of SSI must take reasonable steps to safeguard the SSI in their possession. In the alternative, NW Natural will make the SSI available to qualified parties at company headquarters by appointment during specified hours with 48 hours' notice. The only persons qualified to receive SSI and the non-public portions of Security Directive 2 are Commission

employees, Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission, and those with a "need to know" per 49 CFR 1520.11 or authorized to do so in writing by the TSA or another federal agency who sign and return Appendix B. Upon receipt of the signed Appendix B, the designating party must either provide the SSI to the signatory or object within five business days.

NW Natural also seeks to protect highly confidential information, such as sensitive financial forecast materials and corporate dividend policies. NW Natural maintains that this information requires additional protection beyond that which is included in the general protective order, because disclosure would cause significant harm to its customers, even if done so inadvertently. NW Natural also maintains that such information constitutes material non-public information of the company and its affiliates as defined under federal and state securities laws and disclosure thereof could require NW Natural to make public filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, thereby disclosing the entirety of the information. NW Natural states that recipients of such information may be regarded as "insiders" and could be subject to state and federal securities laws prohibiting the person from trading in the company's securities or from providing such information to others. NW Natural argues that the fact that disclosure of such information is restricted under federal and state securities laws and receipt of the information gives rise to potential liability under these laws requires heightened protection of earnings forecast information.

NW Natural states that the corporate dividend policy information is also extremely sensitive, and the disclosure of the dividend policy would likely result in significant competitive damage. Additionally, NW Natural anticipates that other highly sensitive information may also be provided in response to data requests.

Qualified individuals will be able to access highly confidential information via encrypted email, file-sharing, encrypted USB drive, hard copy on green paper consistent with Commission's hard copy procedures, and via a read-only workspace on Huddle. Under the modified protective order, all qualified individuals must take reasonable precautions to keep highly confidential information secure as set forth in Section 31 of Appendix A. Access to highly confidential information is restricted to Commission employees, Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission, as well as employees of the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board (CUB), counsel for any party, and any person employed directly by counsel of record who sign the "consent to be bound" section of Appendix C. The modified protective order also establishes a process for parties bound by the proposed MPO to qualify additional persons to access highly confidential information by signing Appendix D and submitting that information to the Commission and all parties. The designating party must, within five business days of receiving a signed copy of Appendix C or

Appendix D, either provide access to the requested highly confidential information to the person who signed the appendix or file an objection.

NW Natural represents that it contacted the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon, CUB, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club and that these parties did not object.

I find that good cause exists to issue the modified protective order, which is attached as Appendix A. The modified protective order will function alongside the general protective order, Order No. 23-132.<sup>1</sup> As requested, I issue this protective order on an expedited basis pursuant to OAR 860-001-0080(3)(c). This expedited action does not foreclose a party from seeking *de novo* review of this modified protective order under OAR 860-001-0080(3)(d)&(e).

**ORDER**

IT IS ORDERED that the modified protective order, attached as Appendix A, is adopted.

Made, entered, and effective on Dec 20, 2024.



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Sarah Spruce  
Administrative Law Judge



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<sup>1</sup> NW Natural Notice of Use of General Protective Order No. 23-132 (Dec. 20, 2024).

**MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER**  
DOCKET NO. UG 520

**Scope of this Order**

1. This order supplements the General Protective Order in this docket and governs the acquisition and use of “Sensitive Security Information” and “Highly Confidential Information” produced or used by any party in Docket UG 520.

**Designation of Sensitive Security Information**

2. Any party may designate as Sensitive Security Information (“SSI”) any information the party reasonably determines constitutes SSI as defined by federal regulation 49 CFR 1520.5.<sup>1</sup>
3. SSI may be shared only in hard copy format or viewed in a Safe Room as described in Paragraph 14 herein. No electronic distribution of SSI is permitted under this Order. Accordingly, SSI may not be posted to Huddle or sent via email or any other electronic form. To the extent that a party may need to file SSI with the Administrative Hearings Division, such filing shall be accomplished consistent with the Commission’s hard copy filing procedures.
4. To designate information as SSI, a party must mark the document by placing the Protective Marking, as defined immediately below, conspicuously on the top of, and the Distribution Limitation Statement, as defined immediately below, on the bottom of (1) the outside of any front and back cover, including a binder cover or folder, if the document has a front and back cover; (2) any title page; and (3) each page of the document.<sup>2</sup> Every page of a document must be marked with the SSI Protective Marking and Distribution Limitation Statement even when only a small portion of that document contains SSI.<sup>3</sup>

Protective Marking (header): SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION

Distribution Limitation Statement (footer): *WARNING:* This record contains Sensitive Security Information that is controlled under 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520. No part of this record may be disclosed to persons without a “need to know”, as defined in 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520, except with the written permission of the Administrator of the Transportation Security Administration or the Secretary of Transportation. Unauthorized release may result in civil penalty or other action. For U.S. government agencies, public disclosure is governed by 5 U.S.C. 552 and 49 CFR parts 15 and 1520.

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<sup>1</sup> OAR 860-001-0080(3) allows the Commission to issue a modified protective order for information protected under ORCP 36(C)(1) or the Public Records Law. ORS 192.355(8) exempts from public disclosure “Any public records or information the disclosure of which is prohibited by federal law or regulations.” 49 CFR 1520.9 prohibits the disclosure of SSI except on a “need-to-know” basis or as authorized in writing by the Transportation Security Administration (“TSA”), Coast Guard, or the Secretary of the Department of Transportation. Therefore, SSI may be protected from disclosure as federally protected information under the Public Records Law in accordance with OAR 860-001-0080(3).

<sup>2</sup> 49 CFR 1520.13(a-c).

<sup>3</sup> The TSA published “Security Sensitive Information: Best Practices Guide for Non-DHS Employees and Contractors”, TSA.gov, [https://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssi\\_best\\_practices\\_guide\\_for\\_non-dhs\\_employees.pdf](https://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssi_best_practices_guide_for_non-dhs_employees.pdf). (last visited Dec. 4, 2024).

Additionally, each page of a document containing SSI that is provided to SSI Qualified Persons under this Order (as defined in Paragraph 8) must be printed on ORANGE paper, separately bound, and placed in a sealed envelope or other appropriate container which must bear the legend:

THIS ENVELOPE IS SEALED UNDER ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
CONTAINS SENSITIVE SECURITY INFORMATION. THE  
INFORMATION MAY BE SHOWN ONLY TO SSI QUALIFIED  
PERSONS AS DEFINED IN ORDER NO. \_\_.

5. The designating party shall apply exhibit labeling or numbering to documents designated as containing SSI so that SSI Qualified Persons, as defined in Paragraph 8, may reference any page they may want to use as an exhibit to testimony or for other purposes in this case.
6. A party may designate as SSI any information that was previously not so designated and was previously provided to the other parties by giving written notice to the Commission and other parties of the new designation and providing the other parties and the Commission with copies of the newly designated SSI. The newly designated SSI must comply with Paragraph 4. Parties in possession of newly designated SSI must ensure that all copies of the previously undesignated information are destroyed in accordance with Paragraph 19 or, if requested by the designating party or required for compliance with Oregon public records law, are annotated to bear the appropriate legend (above) and are accessible only to persons qualified under this Order.
7. A designating party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that information designated as SSI continues to warrant protection under this Order. If designated information no longer constitutes SSI, the designating party should make reasonable efforts to remove the designation and provide written notice to the Commission and other parties.

### **SSI Qualified Persons**

8. Only persons qualified to receive SSI in accordance with Paragraphs 9-10 below (“SSI Qualified Persons”) may access SSI designated by another party under this Modified Protective Order. Access to SSI is restricted by the applicable provisions of 49 CFR 1520.
9. In accordance with 49 CFR 1520.11(b)(1), Commission employees and Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission have a “need to know.” The Commission employees and Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission are automatically bound by this Modified Protective Order and qualified to access the SSI.
10. Other parties to this proceeding may become qualified to access SSI if one or both of the following provisions applies:
  - (a) The party is a person with a “need to know” per 49 CFR 1520.11, or
  - (b) The party is a person the TSA, Coast Guard, or the Secretary of the Department of Transportation has authorized in writing to receive SSI per 49 CFR 1520.9(a)(2).

Counsel for such parties may sign the consent to be bound in Appendix B and may designate

one representative for the party that may access the SSI. A party must identify such persons in section 2 of Appendix B when consenting to be bound by the Order and must update this list throughout the proceeding to ensure it accurately identifies SSI Qualified Persons.

11. For each person bound under Paragraph 10, counsel for the party sponsoring the person must file a signed copy of Appendix B with the Commission and deliver a copy to the designating party and all parties of record. Upon receipt of the signed Appendix B, if there is no objection to the person to be qualified thereunder made under Paragraphs 34 and 35, the designating party must make the SSI available to the person within five business days.
12. All SSI Qualified Persons—or any other persons in possession of SSI—must protect and not disclose that SSI and report any unauthorized disclosures thereof pursuant to 49 CFR 1520.9.<sup>4</sup>

### **Access to SSI**

13. SSI will be made available to SSI Qualified Persons only in paper copies marked in accordance with Paragraph 4 and may be provided to SSI Qualified Persons via hand delivery or U.S. First Class Mail or other traceable delivery service using an opaque envelope or wrapping.
14. For any SSI Qualified Persons that prefer to avoid possessing SSI, NW Natural will make available a designated location for viewing such information at NW Natural's headquarters in Portland ("Portland Safe Room"). Access to the Portland Safe Room is limited to SSI Qualified Persons by appointment only and requires 48-hour advance notice. NW Natural may require the presence of a NW Natural monitor while the SSI is being viewed. NW Natural will make the Portland Safe Room available for viewing the SSI Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., excluding Company holidays.
15. SSI Qualified Persons reviewing SSI in the Portland Safe Room are not authorized to and shall not make copies of any document designated as containing SSI but may make limited notes regarding the documents for reference purposes only. Such notes shall not constitute a verbatim or substantive transcript of the documents and shall be considered SSI subject to the terms of this Modified Protective Order. Any such notes shall be marked in accordance with 49 CFR 1520.13(a)-(c), as required by federal law.
16. The Commission's Administrative Hearings Division, Commission Staff, and other SSI Qualified Persons must store SSI in a locked room or cabinet dedicated to the storage of SSI.
17. Without the written permission of the designating party, any person given access to SSI under this Order may not use or disclose such information for any purpose other than participation in this proceeding and only then under the terms of this Order.
18. Each party shall follow the procedures outlined in Paragraph 5 to reference the SSI for

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<sup>4</sup> "Security Sensitive Information: Best Practices Guide for Non-DHS Employees and Contractors", TSA.gov, [https://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssi\\_best\\_practices\\_guide\\_for\\_non-dhs\\_employees.pdf](https://www.tsa.gov/sites/default/files/ssi_best_practices_guide_for_non-dhs_employees.pdf), (last visited Dec. 4, 2024).

use as an exhibit to testimony or for other purposes in this proceeding. If the exhibit or testimony must be submitted to the Commission's Administrative Hearings Division, the designating party must also file a copy of the referenced document containing SSI with the Commission's Administrative Hearings Division, printed on ORANGE paper, and appropriately labeled in accordance with Paragraph 4, which shall be transmitted in a sealed envelope as further described in Paragraph 13.

19. Any SSI Qualified Person or other person retaining SSI at the conclusion of this proceeding must destroy the SSI completely using a cross-cut shredder or by cutting manually into less than one-half inch squares to preclude recognition or reconstruction of the SSI in accordance with 49 CFR 1520.19(b)(1). This paragraph does not apply to the Commission or its Staff to the extent that the Commission or its Staff must preserve the SSI under State law per 49 CFR 1520.19(b)(2).

### **Designation of Highly Confidential Information**

20. Any party may designate as Highly Confidential Information any information the party reasonably determines:

- (a) Falls within the scope of ORS 192.355(33)(a)(B) (i.e., information about review or approval of programs relating to the security of the generation, storage, or conveyance of gas in liquefied or gaseous form) or ORCP 36(C)(1) (e.g., trade secrets or other confidential research, development, or commercial information);
- (b) Is not publicly available;
- (c) Is not adequately protected by the General Protective Order; and
- (d) Includes extremely sensitive financial forecast materials, corporate dividend policies, and other competitively or commercially sensitive information requested in discovery that NW Natural and the requesting party agree is appropriately designated as highly confidential.

21. To designate information as Highly Confidential Information, a party must place the following legend on the material:

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION SUBJECT TO  
MODIFIED PROTECTIVE ORDER NO. 24\_\_

The party should make reasonable efforts to designate as Highly Confidential Information only the portions of the information that satisfy Paragraph 20 of this Modified Protective Order.

Additionally, if using paper copies, each page of a document containing Highly Confidential Information that is provided to HC Qualified Persons under this Order (as defined in Paragraph 25) must be printed on GREEN paper, separately bound, and placed in a sealed envelope or other appropriate container which must bear the legend:

THIS ENVELOPE IS SEALED UNDER ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_ AND  
CONTAINS HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION. THE  
INFORMATION MAY BE SHOWN ONLY TO HC QUALIFIED  
PERSONS AS DEFINED IN ORDER NO. \_\_\_\_\_.

22. The designating party shall label or number all documents designated as containing Highly Confidential Information so that HC Qualified Persons, as defined in Paragraph 25, may reference any page they may want to use as an exhibit to testimony or for other purposes in this case.
23. A party may designate as Highly Confidential Information any information that was previously not so designated and was previously provided to the other parties by giving written notice to the Commission and other parties of the new designation. Parties in possession of newly designated Highly Confidential Information must ensure that all copies of the previously undesignated information are annotated to bear the appropriate legend (above) and are accessible only to persons qualified under this Order.
24. A designating party must make reasonable efforts to ensure that information designated as Highly Confidential Information continues to warrant protection under this Order. If designated information no longer constitutes Highly Confidential Information, the designating party should make reasonable efforts to remove the designation and provide written notice to the Commission and other parties.

#### **Highly Confidential Qualified Persons**

25. Only persons qualified to receive Highly Confidential Information in accordance with Paragraphs 26-28 below (“HC Qualified Persons”) may access Highly Confidential Information designated as such by another party under this Modified Protective Order.
26. Persons automatically bound by this Modified Protective Order and qualified to access Highly Confidential Information are:
  - (a) Commission employees; and
  - (b) Assistant Attorneys General assigned to represent the Commission.
27. Persons qualified to access Highly Confidential Information upon signing the Consent to be Bound section of Appendix C are:
  - (a) Counsel for a party;
  - (b) Any person employed directly by counsel of record; and
  - (c) An employee of the Regulatory Division at the Oregon Citizen’s Utility Board.

A party must identify all these persons in section 2 of Appendix C when consenting to be bound by the Order and must update this list throughout the proceeding to ensure it accurately identifies HC Qualified Persons.

28. A party bound by the Modified Protective Order may seek to qualify other persons to



access Highly Confidential Information by having those persons complete and sign Appendix D and submitting that information to the Commission and all parties. Within five business days of receiving a copy of Appendix D, the designating party must either provide the requested access to the Highly Confidential Information or file an objection under Paragraphs 34 and 35.

29. For each person bound under Paragraphs 27 and 28, counsel for the party sponsoring the person must file a signed copy of Appendix C or D, as applicable, with the Commission and deliver a copy to the designating party and all parties of record. Upon receipt of the signed Appendix, if there is no objection to the person to be qualified thereunder made under Paragraphs 36 and 37, then Highly Confidential Information must be made available to the person within five business days.

### **Access to Highly Confidential Information**

30. Highly Confidential Information will be made available to HC Qualified Persons using one of the following methods:

(a) **Electronic transmission, storage and filing:**

- **For transmission to or among HC Qualified Persons or filing Highly Confidential Information at the Commission:**

Any Highly Confidential Information sent via email must be encrypted using a Federal Information Processing Standards (“FIPS”) 140-2 approved algorithm such as Advanced Encryption Standard (“AES”) with AES-128, AES-192 or AES-256. Free tools such as 7zip, WinZip and PGP can provide such encryption. The password must be sent separately from the encrypted file. Alternatively, secure email gateways which secure the transmission of email through the use of password protected portals (e.g., Proofpoint’s Email Encryption) can be used as long as those services are managed and licensed at an enterprise level (not a personal account). Highly Confidential Information transmitted through these secure email gateways does not require additional FIPS encryption.

- **For storage of Highly Confidential Information or transmission among HC Qualified Persons:** Cloud-based file sharing and collaborative solutions such as Box, DropBox, SharePoint Online, etc. may be used if the service is managed and licensed through an enterprise level license, meaning no personal accounts may be used. Unless first agreed to in writing by NW Natural, the service must be configured to require multifactor authentication and must store its data exclusively in the United States.

(b) **Paper or USB Drive:**

- **Removable Media** – Any Highly Confidential Information transferred on removable media (USB Drive) must be encrypted using Microsoft Bitlocker and sent via hand delivery or U.S. First Class Mail or other traceable delivery service using an opaque envelope or wrapping. The password must not be sent with the encrypted media.

- **Paper Copy** – If paper copy filing is preferred, a party may file Highly Confidential Information with the Administrative Hearings Division, consistent with the Commission’s hard copy filing procedures. Any paper copies shall be printed on GREEN paper consistent with Paragraph 21.
  - HC Qualified Persons must store the paper copy and/or USB drive in a locked room or cabinet dedicated to the storage of Highly Confidential Information when not in use
- (c) **Discovery:** For discovery, a read-only database on Huddle, the Commission’s discovery portal may be used (no downloads). If an HC Qualified Person needs a working version of a document provided via Huddle, the HC Qualified Person may request it to be provided via electronic or hard copy methods described in this Modified Protective Order.

31. All HC Qualified Persons must take reasonable precautions to keep Highly Confidential Information secure. HC Qualified Persons may reproduce Highly Confidential Information to the extent necessary to participate in these proceedings. An HC Qualified Person may discuss Highly Confidential Information obtained under this order only with other HC Qualified Persons who have obtained the same information under this order, and only in relation to this proceeding. HC Qualified Persons commit to abide by the following terms:

- (a) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall utilize industry-accepted firewalls, up-to-date anti-virus software, and non-end-of-life operating systems;
- (b) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall secure electronic access to the entity’s information systems containing Highly Confidential Information;
- (c) Unless first agreed to in writing by NW Natural, the entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall store, process, and maintain any and all Highly Confidential Information on designated target servers that reside physically within the boundaries of the United States;
- (d) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall not transfer any Highly Confidential Information outside of its network via unencrypted means;
- (e) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall not process or transfer Highly Confidential Information to any unencrypted portable or laptop computing device, or any other unencrypted portable storage medium;
- (f) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall use two-factor authentication for remote access to systems that access or store Highly Confidential Information;
- (g) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall secure and prevent misuse of its own email resources;
- (h) The entity with which the HC Qualified Person is associated shall not store any Highly Confidential Information on any personal devices.

32. Without the written permission of the designating party, any person given access to Highly Confidential Information under this Order may not use or disclose such information for any purpose other than participation in this proceeding and only then under the terms of this Order.
33. Any HC Qualified Person or other person retaining Highly Confidential Information at the conclusion of this proceeding must destroy or return the Highly Confidential Information to the designating party within 90 days after final resolution of this proceeding unless the designating party consents in writing to that party's retention of the Highly Confidential Information. This paragraph does not apply to the Commission or its Staff to the extent necessary to comply with the Oregon Public Records Law.

### **Objection to Access to SSI or Highly Confidential Information**

34. All SSI Qualified Persons have access to SSI, and all HC Qualified Persons have access to Highly Confidential Information, unless the designating party objects as provided in this paragraph. As soon as the designating party becomes aware of reasons to restrict access to a SSI or HC Qualified Person, the designating party must provide the SSI or HC Qualified Person and his or her counsel written notice stating the basis for the objection. The parties must promptly confer and attempt to resolve the dispute on an informal basis before requesting review by an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). After receipt of the written notice of objection required by this paragraph, the specific SSI or Highly Confidential Information may not be disclosed to the SSI or HC Qualified Person until the issue is resolved.
35. If the parties are unable to resolve the matter informally, the designating party must file a written objection with the ALJ. The requesting party may file a response to the motion within 5 business days of service of such written objection. The ALJ will make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter within 10 business days of the last filing. Pending the ALJ's decision, the specific SSI or Highly Confidential Information may not be disclosed to the person subject to the objection.

### **Challenge to Designation of SSI or Highly Confidential Information**

36. A party may informally challenge any designation of SSI or Highly Confidential Information by notifying the designating party. If any party objects to such designation by letter or email, the designating party must provide a written response to the party within five business days that describes in detail why the information is appropriately designated as SSI or Highly Confidential Information under this Order; PROVIDED THAT such detail will not include the disclosure of SSI to any individuals who are not SSI Qualified Persons, or the disclosure of Highly Confidential Information to any individuals who are not HC Qualified Persons. (Note that correspondence that reveals the substance of any information marked as SSI or Highly Confidential Information may not be transmitted electronically.) Once notified, the designating party bears the burden of showing that the challenged information is covered by the applicable definition in this Order. Any party may request that the ALJ hold a conference to help resolve disputes about proper designation, which shall include an in camera review of the challenged information.
37. If the dispute cannot be resolved informally, the challenging party may file a written objection with the ALJ. The objection filed with the ALJ must identify the information in

dispute and include a certification that reasonable efforts to achieve an informal resolution have been unsuccessful.

38. Within five days of the objection, unless otherwise ordered by the ALJ, the designating party must either remove the Highly Confidential Information or SSI designation or file a written response identifying the factual and legal basis of how the challenged information is protected from disclosure either under federal regulations as SSI, under the Oregon Public Records Law, or under ORCP 36(C)(1). Broad allegations unsubstantiated by specific facts are not sufficient. To the extent that such written response contains information designated as SSI or Highly Confidential Information, review of such information shall be performed in camera by the ALJ, with a redacted copy of such response provided to the objecting party.
39. The challenging party may file a written reply to any response within five business days of service of an objection. The designating party may file a sur-reply within three business days of service of a response. To the extent that such written sur-reply contains information designated as SSI or Highly Confidential Information, review of such information shall be performed in camera by the ALJ, with a redacted copy of such sur-reply to the objecting party. The ALJ will make all reasonable efforts to resolve the matter within 10 business days of service of the last filing.

#### **Duration of Protection**

40. The Commission will preserve the designation of information protected as SSI indefinitely unless the SSI is no longer considered SSI pursuant to 49 CFR 1520.5. The Commission will notify the designating party at least two weeks prior to the release of information no longer considered SSI pursuant to 40 CFR 1520.5 and may extend the designation at the request of the designating party.
41. The Commission will preserve the designation of information protected as Highly Confidential Information indefinitely unless the Highly Confidential Information is no longer considered to be Highly Confidential Information. The Commission will notify the designating party at least two weeks prior to the release of Highly Confidential Information.

**APPENDIX B  
CONSENT TO BE BOUND - SSI  
DOCKET NO. UG 520**

**I. Consent to be Bound - SSI:**

The Modified Protective Order and this Appendix B govern the use of SSI in UG 520.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Party) agrees to be bound by the terms of the Modified Protective Order, certifies that it has an interest in UG 520 that is not adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding, and that the persons listed below are SSI Qualified Persons under Paragraph 10.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Persons Qualified under Paragraph 10:**

\_\_\_\_\_ (Party) identifies the following person(s) qualified under Paragraph 10.

PRINTED NAME	DATE

**APPENDIX C**  
**CONSENT TO BE BOUND – HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**  
DOCKET NO. UG 520

**I. Consent to be Bound – Highly Confidential Information:**

The Modified Protective Order and this Appendix C govern the use of Highly Confidential Information in UG 520.

\_\_\_\_\_ (Party) agrees to be bound by the terms of the Modified Protective Order and certifies that it has an interest in UG 520 that is not adequately represented by other parties to the proceeding.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. Persons Qualified under Paragraph 27:**

I have read the Modified Protective Order and agree to be bound by its terms.

I certify that:

1. I agree to keep the information in a secure manner as required by Paragraph 30-32 and to destroy it at the conclusion of this proceeding as required by Paragraph 33.
2. I understand that ORS 756.990(2) allows the Commission to impose monetary sanctions if a party subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission violates an order of the Commission.
3. The party with which I am associated has a legitimate and non-competitive need for the Highly Confidential Information and not simply a general interest in the information.

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
QUALIFICATION OF OTHER PERSONS TO RECEIVE HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL  
INFORMATION**

DOCKET NO. UG 520

**I. Persons Seeking Qualification to receive Highly Confidential  
Information under Paragraph 28:**

I have read the Modified Protective Order and agree to be bound by  
its terms. I certify that:

1. I agree to keep the information in a secure manner as required by Paragraph 30-32 and to destroy it at the conclusion of this proceeding as required by Paragraph 33.
2. I understand that ORS 756.990(2) allows the Commission to impose monetary sanctions if a party subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission violates an order of the Commission.
3. The party with which I am associated has a legitimate and non-competitive need for the Highly Confidential Information and not simply a general interest in the information.
4. I require access to the following specific Highly Confidential Information (describe with particularity) for the following reason(s) (attach pages if necessary):

By: Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

If not an employee of a party, describe practice and clients: