



STATE OF WASHINGTON
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June 4, 2021

NOTICE OF REVISED PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE;

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

(Set for August 19, 2021, at 6 p.m.)

Phone: (253) 372-2181 • Conference ID: 380 447 245#

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and

NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

(Set for August 23, 2021, at 9 a.m.)

Phone: (253) 372-2181 • Conference ID: 451 482 954#

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RE: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company,*
Docket UG-200994(Consolidated)

*In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company's, Petition for Accounting Order for
Approval of Depreciation and Amortization of Rates for Investment in Certain Software*
Docket, UG-200995 (Consolidated)

*In the Matter of the Petition of Northwest Natural Gas Company for an Accounting Order
Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain /Start-up Costs Associated with a
Major Information Technology and Services Project,*
Docket UG-200996 (Consolidated)

*In the Matter of the Petition of Northwest Natural Gas Company for an Accounting Order
Authorizing Deferred Accounting Treatment of Conservation Potential Assessment Costs,*
Docket UG-210085 (Consolidated)

TO ALL PARTIES:

On December 18, 2020, Northwest Natural Gas Company, d/b/a NW Natural, (NW Natural or Company) filed with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission)

revisions to its currently effective Tariff WN U-6, Natural Gas Service. The purpose of the Company's filing is to increase rates and charges for natural gas service provided to customers in the state of Washington. The Commission suspended operation of the tariffs on January 7, 2021, by Order 01 entered in this docket.

On January 26, 2021, the Commission entered Order 03, Prehearing Conference Order; Notice of Hearing (Order 03) in this docket, which established a procedural schedule including an evidentiary hearing set for August 23-24, 2021.

On May 24, 2021, Commission staff (Staff) contacted the presiding officer to inform the Commission that Staff, the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers, the Energy Project, and the Company (collectively, the Settling Parties) had reached a multiparty settlement in principle.

On May 25, 2021, the Commission issued a Notice Suspending Procedural Schedule and requiring all parties to submit a proposed procedural schedule that would allow for consideration of the potential settlement.

On June 1, 2021, the parties provided the presiding officer with the following proposed procedural schedule:

Settling Parties File Settlement Agreement and Supporting Testimony and Exhibits ¹	Tuesday, July 27, 2021
Discovery Deadline – Last Day to Issue Data Requests ²	Thursday, August 5, 2021
Exhibit List, Cross-Examination Exhibits, Witness Lists, Time Estimates, and Exhibit Errata	Monday, August 16, 2021
Public Comment Hearing	Thursday, August 19, 2021
Evidentiary Hearing	Monday, August 23, 2021

¹ Response time to data requests relating to this testimony will be 5 business days

² Response time to data requests will be 5 business days.

The Commission finds good cause to adopt the proposed procedural schedule.

THE COMMISSION GIVES NOTICE That the Commission hereby adopts the procedural schedule in Docket UG-200994, et al. (Consolidated) as detailed above.

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will hold a virtual public comment hearing in this matter on Thursday, August 19, 2021, at 6 p.m. To attend by phone, call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 380 447 245#. To attend via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

THE COMMISSION GIVES FURTHER NOTICE That the Commission will hold a virtual evidentiary hearing in this matter on Monday, August 23, 2021, at 9 a.m. To participate by phone, call (253) 372-2181 and enter the Conference ID: 451 482 954#. To attend via Microsoft Teams, use the following link: [Click here to join the meeting.](#)

/s/ Samantha Doyle
SAMANTHA DOYLE
Administrative Law Judge