

STATE OF NEW YORK
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

CASE 16-W-0259 - Proceeding on Motion of the Commission as to the Rates, Charges, Rules and Regulations of New York American Water Company, Inc. for Water Service.

RULING ON SCHEDULE

(Issued June 14, 2016)

ASHLEY MORENO, Administrative Law Judge:

A conference in this proceeding was held on June 9, 2016, at which a variety of procedural matters were discussed, including a schedule for these proceedings. Prior to the conference, parties were encouraged to consult on a schedule. By email correspondence on May 26, 2016, the Public Utility Law Project (PULP) identified a schedule proposed to the parties by Department of Public Service trial staff (Staff) that called for the filing of Staff and intervenor testimony on September 2, rebuttal testimony on September 23, evidentiary hearings commencing on October 12 and post-hearing briefing concluding on November 18. PULP raised the concern about overlap between the proposed schedule for this case and that proposed by the Department of Public Service trial staff in the National Fuel Gas rate proceeding, in which it is also participating.¹ The procedural conference was attended by Staff and New York American Water, and we discussed concerns about overlapping schedules.

In light of these concerns, and after consultation with my colleague presiding in the National Fuel Gas case, I am adopting a schedule proposed by Staff, modified only with regard

¹ Case 16-G-0257, National Fuel Gas Distribution Corp. - Gas Rates.

to the commencement date of evidentiary hearings to avoid conflicts with religious observation:

September 2, 2016	Staff and Intervenor Testimony
September 23, 2016	Rebuttal Testimony
October 13, 2016	Start of Evidentiary Hearings

Dates for the post-hearing submission by the parties of Initial and Reply Briefs will be fixed at the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing. At that time, the parties should anticipate that all post-hearing briefing will be concluded by November 18, 2016.

(SIGNED)

ASHLEY MORENO