



## Executive Offices

### CERTIFIED COPY OF RESOLUTIONS

I, MardiLyn Saathoff, the duly elected and acting Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary of Northwest Natural Gas Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, HEREBY CERTIFY that the following is a true and complete copy of resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of said Corporation at a meeting thereof duly convened and held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of December 2007, relating to the approval of certain debt issuances by Northwest Natural Gas Company; and that said resolutions are in full force and effect as of the date of this certificate, namely:

#### **General**

RESOLVED, that the Company issue and sell, from time to time, in one or more series (other than with respect to the Common Stock), in any combination, an amount of its securities to be approved by the Finance Committee or, in the case of Medium-Term Notes, Series B, in the amounts hereinafter authorized, and such securities may be in the form of (i) First Mortgage Bonds (which may be in the form of secured Medium-Term Notes, which includes the \$85,000,000 remaining principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B heretofore authorized by this Board), (ii) Unsecured Notes, including junior subordinated debentures (which may be in the form of unsecured Medium-Term Notes, which includes the \$85,000,000 remaining principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B heretofore authorized by this Board), (iii) Preferred Stock (which may be convertible or exchangeable into other securities of the Company), (iv) Common Stock, (v) contracts to purchase Common Stock or other agreements or instruments requiring the Company to issue Common Stock (collectively, "Stock Purchase Contracts"), and (vi) units, each representing ownership of a Stock Purchase Contract and one or more series or tranches of debt securities of the Company or debt securities of third parties, including U.S. Treasury securities, any of which may be convertible or exchangeable into other securities of the Company, or by a combination thereof (collectively, the "Securities"), provided, however, that the maximum number of shares of Common Stock and of Preferred Stock to be issued and sold shall not

exceed the number of shares authorized by the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, less any shares issued or reserved for issuance; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to prepare, execute and file with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (“OPUC”) and the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) such applications, together with any and all necessary amendments, exhibits and other documents related thereto, as may be necessary to obtain orders, in the case of the OPUC, authorizing, and in the case of the WUTC, establishing compliance with applicable statutory requirements in connection with, the issuance and sale of the Securities; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to prepare, execute and file with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) a registration statement or statements on an appropriate form, together with any and all necessary amendments, exhibits and other documents related thereto, (i) for the purpose of registering an unspecified amount of the Securities under the Securities Act of 1933 (“Securities Act”), and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder and (ii) in connection with any registration rights agreement, covering securities to be offered for exchange or registered for sale, in any such case pursuant to Rule 415 or other appropriate rule under the Securities Act, and the rules and regulations of the Commission thereunder, together with any and all necessary amendments, exhibits and documents relating thereto as in the judgment of such officers are deemed by them to be necessary or appropriate; and further

RESOLVED, that each director and officer of the Company who may execute a registration statement or any amendment thereto with respect to the Securities hereby is authorized to appoint Mark S. Dodson, David H. Anderson, Margaret D. Kirkpatrick and John T. Hood, and each of them, severally, his or her true and lawful attorneys and attorney, with power to act with or without the others and with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to execute in his or her name, place and stead, in his or her capacity as a director or officer of the Company, such registration statement, together with any and all necessary amendments, exhibits and other documents related thereto, and to file the same with the Commission, with full power and authority to each of such attorneys to do and perform, in the name and on behalf of each of such directors and officers, or any of them, every act whatsoever necessary or desirable to be done in the premises as fully and to all intents and purposes as any such director or officer might or could do in person; and further

RESOLVED, that, in connection with the proposed issuance and sale by the Company of the Securities, it may be necessary and desirable that the Securities be qualified or registered for sale in various jurisdictions of the United

States of America; that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to determine the jurisdictions of the United States of America in which appropriate action shall be taken to qualify or register for sale all or such part of the Securities as such officers may deem to be necessary or advisable; that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to perform any and all acts which they may deem to be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the applicable laws of any such jurisdiction, and in connection therewith, to execute and file all requisite instruments and documents, including but not limited to applications, reports, surety bonds, irrevocable consents and appointments of attorneys for service of process; and that the execution by such officers, or any of them, of any such instrument or document or the doing by them of any act in connection with the foregoing matters shall conclusively establish their authority therefor from the Company and the validity of the instruments and documents so executed and the action so taken; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized, in their discretion and on behalf of the Company, to conduct negotiations with or conduct competitive bidding amongst such underwriters, brokers, dealers, agents and other potential purchasers as they shall select with respect to negotiated or competitively bid underwritten public offerings or private sales by the Company of the Securities; and further

RESOLVED, that, without limiting the authority otherwise provided by these resolutions, the officers of the Company are hereby authorized and empowered to prepare one or more private placement or offering memoranda or an offering circular or other disclosure memoranda, including subscription agreements and other documents, for the offer and sale of any of the Securities in private sales, and any changes in and additions, amendments or supplements thereto, as any of the officers of the Company may deem necessary or desirable; and further

RESOLVED, that, subject to the receipt of all requisite regulatory approvals, the Finance Committee of the Board hereby is authorized, in its discretion and on behalf of the Company, to approve all matters relating to the issuance and sale of the Securities, other than the Medium-Term Notes previously and hereinafter authorized, including the approval of the number of shares of Common Stock to be sold and the terms of the issuance and sale of the Common Stock and the shares of Preferred Stock, or any securities convertible or exchangeable into, or to acquire, the Common Stock or Preferred Stock, including the price to be paid to the Company therefor, the designation and relative rights, preferences and limitations of any series of Preferred Stock, the execution and delivery of indentures, supplemental indentures, purchase contract agreements and other agreements pursuant to which the terms and conditions of the Securities are established and the terms and conditions of any underwriting, purchase, sales, agency and other agreements with respect to their sales; and further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer and any duly authorized Attorney-in-Fact of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to execute and deliver any and all indentures, supplemental indentures, purchase contract agreements and other agreements pursuant to which the terms and conditions of the Securities are established and any and all underwriting, purchase, sales, agency and other agreements with respect to the sale by the Company of the Securities in substantially the form approved by the Finance Committee of the Board, but with such changes therein as may be approved by the person executing the same, his or her approval of any such change to be conclusively evidenced by his or her execution thereof; and that any of such officers and any such Attorney-in-Fact of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to sign, seal, if necessary, and deliver such instruments and documents and to do or cause to be done any and all such acts and things as they shall deem to be necessary or advisable in order to enable the Company to perform all of its obligations under any such agreement; and further

RESOLVED, that in the event that the Company enters into a registration rights agreement or registration rights agreements in connection with the sale of all or a portion of the Securities, nothing herein is intended to, nor shall it, limit or restrict the amount of the Company's Securities which may be issued in exchange for the Securities so sold in accordance with such registration rights agreement(s).

### **Common Stock**

RESOLVED, that the form of certificate currently being used to represent shares of the Company's Common Stock hereby is approved as the form of certificate to represent the Common Stock; and further

RESOLVED, that, subject to the receipt of all requisite regulatory approvals and upon approval and acceptance by the Finance Committee of an offer to purchase Common Stock, the Company reserve out of the authorized but unissued common stock of the Company the Common Stock, and that, upon issuance, delivery and payment for any Common Stock which may be issued and sold in accordance with the underwriting, purchase, sales, agency and other agreements with respect to the sale by the Company of the Common Stock, such Common Stock shall be fully paid and nonassessable and shall be entitled to all of the rights and privileges provided in the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and its Bylaws, as amended; and further

RESOLVED, that American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, or any successor approved by the Board, as the case may be, hereby is appointed Transfer Agent and Registrar for the Common Stock; that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed to issue, countersign and deliver the

number of shares of the Common Stock issued and sold pursuant to the authorization of the Finance Committee of the Board; and that the Registrar is authorized and directed to register the number of shares of Common Stock issued and sold pursuant to the authorization of the Finance Committee of the Board upon written orders signed in the Company's name by its Chief Executive Officer, President or a Vice President and by its Secretary or an Assistant Secretary; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company, be, and each of them hereby is, authorized and directed, in the name and on behalf of the Company, to make application to the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. for the listing of the Common Stock, to appear before officials of the New York Stock Exchange, Inc. in connection with such application, and to make such changes in such application and to execute such documents and to take such other action in connection therewith as they may deem necessary or appropriate, the execution of any such instruments or documents and the doing or the causing the doing of any such acts or things to constitute conclusive evidence that the execution and delivery of such instrument or document or the doing of such acts or things was necessary and advisable.

#### **Medium-Term Notes**

RESOLVED, that, from time to time, the Company issue and sell, through agents, by competitive bidding or on a negotiated basis, subject to management's judgment, at the times of sales, as to which method shall be more prudent and to regulatory approval, not more than an additional \$300,000,000 principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B, which amount includes the previously authorized Notes which remain unsold; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized, on behalf of the Company, to conduct negotiations with such underwriters, brokers, dealers, agents and others as they shall select with respect to the sale of not more than an additional \$300,000,000 principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B; and further

RESOLVED, that the Chief Executive Officer, the President, any Vice President, the Treasurer, any Assistant Treasurer and any duly authorized Attorney-in-Fact of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to execute and deliver one or more distribution agreements related to Medium-Term Notes, Series B, in substantially the form of the Company's current Distribution Agreement, filed as Exhibit 4j to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, but with such changes therein as may be approved by the person executing the same, his or her approval of any such change to be conclusively evidenced by his or her execution thereof; and that any of such officers and any such Attorney-in-Fact of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to sign, seal,

if necessary, and deliver such instruments and documents and to do or cause to be done any and all such acts and things as they shall deem to be necessary or advisable in order to enable the Company to perform all of its obligations under any such agreement; and further

RESOLVED, that the officers of the Company hereby are authorized to execute, in its name and behalf, its Unsecured Medium-Term Notes, Series B, under and pursuant to the provisions of the Indenture dated as of June 1, 1991 from the Company to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas (formerly known as Bankers Trust Company) (the "Indenture"), as Trustee, in the forms and denominations hereinbefore established or authorized, with the Company's corporate seal, or a facsimile thereof, impressed or imprinted thereon and attested, and to deliver such Notes for authentication to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee under the Indenture; and that Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Trustee, hereby is requested to authenticate such Notes and to deliver the same as directed by a Company Order or Orders or Instructions pursuant thereto; provided, however, that unless otherwise authorized by this Board, the aggregate principal amount of such Notes to be executed, authenticated and delivered on the basis of this authorization shall not exceed \$300,000,000 (excluding any of such Notes issued upon the transfer or in exchange or replacement thereof); and further

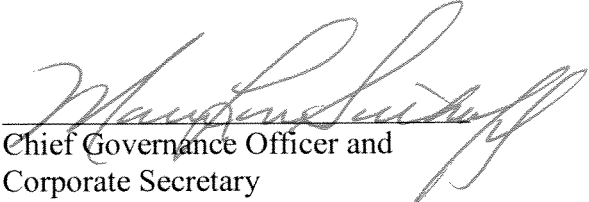
RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Company hereby are authorized to execute, in its name and behalf, its First Mortgage Bonds of the Twenty-first Series under and pursuant to the provisions of the Company's Mortgage and Deed of Trust, dated as of July 1, 1946, as heretofore supplemented, in the forms and denominations hereinbefore established or authorized, with the Company's corporate seal, or a facsimile thereof, impressed or imprinted thereon and attested, and to deliver such bonds for authentication to Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Corporate Trustee under such Mortgage and Deed of Trust; and that Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, as Corporate Trustee, hereby is requested to authenticate such bonds, and to deliver the same to or upon the written order or written instructions of the Chief Executive Officer, the President or a Vice President and Treasurer or an Assistant Treasurer of the Company in such authorized denominations as such officers may determine; provided, however, that unless otherwise authorized by this Board, the aggregate principal amount of such bonds to be executed, authenticated and delivered pursuant to this authorization shall not exceed \$300,000,000 (excluding any of such bonds issued upon the transfer or in exchange or replacement thereof); and further

RESOLVED, that full power and authority hereby is delegated to, and vested in, the Finance Committee of the Board to do or cause to be done any and all such actions and things as it shall deem necessary or advisable in order to

effect the issuance and sale of not more than an additional \$300,000,000 principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B, and to carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolutions with respect thereto; and further

RESOLVED, that, subject to such further approvals, directions and authorizations as may be given by the Finance Committee of the Board, the officers of the Company hereby are authorized and directed, in its name and behalf, to execute and deliver such instruments and documents and to do or cause to be done any and all such acts and things as they may deem to be necessary or desirable in order to effect the issuance and sale of not more than an additional \$300,000,000 principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B, and to carry out the purposes of the foregoing resolutions with respect thereto.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of Northwest Natural Gas Company this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2009.

  
Chief Governance Officer and  
Corporate Secretary

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