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**Re: NW Natural's Fourth Quarter 2018 Results of Operations
Petition for Permanent Exemption from WAC 480-90-275**

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On January 8, 2019, Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or "Company") submitted a petition with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") requesting an exemption from WAC 480-90-275 for the Results of Operations for the fourth quarter (October-December), 2018. In that petition, the Company asked to file its report on March 4, 2019 in order to avoid having its Results of Operations report posted on the Commission website prior to its fourth quarter and full-year earnings release and conference call. NW Natural has petitioned the Commission for this exemption for each fourth quarter filing for several years, as its public earnings release consistently has occurred beyond the 45-day filing requirement in WAC 480-90-275.

Pursuant to WAC 480-90-008 and 480-07-110, the Company now respectfully petitions the Commission for a permanent exemption and asks authorization from the Commission to file its fourth quarter Results of Operations with the Commission by March 5th of each following year. If the Commission does not grant this request for a permanent exemption, then NW Natural asks that the Commission allow the Company an exemption to file its fourth quarter 2018 results on March 4, 2019.

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Thank you for your consideration of this matter. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/Cristan Kelley

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