BEFORE THE

WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

UG-__

GENERAL RATE APPLICATION

OF

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

December 18, 2020

CLAIM OF CONFIDENTIALITY

Zachary Kravitz

Representing Northwest Natural Gas Company

1   I, Zachary Kravitz, am the Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs for Northwest

2   Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural" or "Company"). I make this claim of confidentiality

3   pursuant to WAC 480-07-160(5)(a) because NW Natural, through its supporting testimony,

4   exhibits and workpapers provided in the above captioned docket, is disclosing certain

5   information that is confidential and constitutes "valuable commercial information" as defined by

6   WAC 480-07-160(2) and protected under WAC 480-07-160 and RCW 80.04.095.

7   Any printed information NW Natural provides, as required under WAC 480-07-160, will

8   be marked as SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC

9   480-07-160, submitted on yellow paper, and provided under separate cover. The electronic

10   information NW Natural provides will be reproduced separately on a compact disk (CD) or

11   thumb drive and will also be marked as SHADED INFORMATION IS DESIGNATED AS

12   CONFIDENTIAL PER WAC 480-07-160.

13   The confidential and proprietary information that NW Natural is disclosing in its rate

14   case filing is: expected 2020 earnings figures and non-public business negotiations related to the

15   Company's Horizon 1 project and real estate transactions. As such, this information comprises

16   valuable commercial information.

17   I am of the opinion, therefore, that this information is "CONFIDENTIAL," as defined by

18   WAC 480-07-160, and should be protected from public inspection, examination and copying.

19   ///

20   ///

21   ///

22   ///

23   ///

1	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 18th day of December, 2020.
2	*/s/ Zachary Kravitz*_____
3	Zachary Kravitz
4	NW Natural
5	Director of Rates and Regulatory Affairs
6	NW Natural
7	250 SW Taylor Street
8	Portland, OR 97204
9	Telephone: (503) 610-7617
10	Fax: (503) 220-2579
11	Email: zdk@nwnatural.com