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To All Interested Parties:

In 2024, Washington state passed legislation to promote thermal energy networks.¹ Part of that legislation allows existing natural gas companies to pursue thermal energy pilot projects within their service territories on the condition that those companies timely notify the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) in writing of their intent to do so.²

The Commission hereby acknowledges that Northwest Natural Gas Company d/b/a NW Natural's June 5, 2025, filing in Docket UG-250458 complies with the notification requirements in RCW 80.28.460(2)(a).

Per RCW 80.28.460(2)(a), Northwest Natural Gas Company d/b/a NW Natural currently has priority to develop a pilot project at three new building sites located in downtown Vancouver, Washington, as designated in filing UG-250458.

Sincerely,

Jeff Killip
Executive Director and Secretary

¹ HB 2131 (2023) later codified as RCW 80.28.450-480

² RCW 80.28.460(2)(a) reads, "A gas company has priority for developing thermal energy pilot projects in the gas company's service territory, but the gas company must announce in writing to the commission its intention to deploy a pilot project in a specific location within 12 months of June 6, 2024."