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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Northwest Natural Gas Company's 2020 Annual Conservation Report
Docket UG-190987

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On October 21, 2019, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 06 FINAL ORDER REJECTING TARIFF SHEETS; APPROVING AND ADOPTING JOINT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT; REJECTING PARTIAL MULTIPARTY SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ON DECOUPLING; AND AUTHORIZING AND REQUIRING COMPLIANCE FILING (Order 06) in docket UG-181053. Order 06, among other things, required Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or Company) to file an annual conservation report by June 1 of each year, describing the Demand Side Management program's targets and gas savings achieved, and compare actual expenses and forecasted expenses for the previous calendar year.¹

On June 1, 2021, NW Natural filed with the Commission its 2020 Annual Conservation Report (Report). The Company's Report provides details regarding the targets and results of NW Natural's Energy Efficiency program, including conservation goals and savings, as well as a comparison between actual and forecasted expenses for the program in 2020. The report also details the results of NW Natural's Low Income Energy Efficiency Program for 2020, and budgets vs. actual expenditures of current pilots and trials being conducted in the Company's Washington service territory.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by NW Natural dated June 1, 2021, and finds that it contains sufficient detail with respect to its annual conservation savings

¹ Paragraph 5, Sheet G.1 of NW Natural's Tariff WN U-6

and expenditures. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 06, entered October 21, 2019.

Sincerely,

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Compliance Letter
July 2, 2021