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**NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WRITTEN COMMENTS
(By October 11, 2011)**

And

**NOTICE OF RECESSED OPEN MEETING
(To be held at 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 17, 2011)**

Re: Northwest Natural Gas Company
2011 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan, Docket UG-100245

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

The Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) will review Northwest Natural Gas Company's (Northwest Natural's) integrated resource plan for natural gas at a public meeting on October 17, 2011. An "integrated resource plan" describes the mix of generation and supply resources and efficiency improvement that will meet both the current and future energy demands at the lowest cost to the utility and its ratepayers.

The public is invited to comment on Northwest Natural's integrated resource plan at a recessed open meeting of the Commission to be held on **Monday, October 17, 2011, at 1:30 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Commission's headquarters, Room 206, Richard Hemstad Building, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, Washington.

Northwest Natural representatives will present the plan to the Commission and will respond to questions from the Commissioners and the public. A copy of the plan is on file in the library at the Commission's offices in Olympia. Requests for copies of the plan, if needed, should be directed to Northwest Natural, not the Commission. Questions regarding the plan and the meeting may be addressed to Commission staff member Vanda Novak by e-mail at ynovak@utc.wa.gov or by calling (360) 664-1309.

The Commission will accept written comments on the integrated resource plan in addition to oral comments made at the meeting. Written comments should be submitted **no later than 5:00 p.m., October 11, 2011** and, if possible, in electronic format. Electronic format should be on CD or 3 ½ inch IBM formatted high-density disk, in .pdf Adobe Acrobat format. Please also send us the text in your choice of .doc (Word 97 or later) format labeled with the docket number assigned to the integrated resource plan

(UG-100245) and the commenter's name and type of software used. Comments may also be submitted via the Commission's Web portal at www.utc.wa.gov/e-filing or by e-mail to the Commission's Records Center at records@utc.wa.gov. If you choose this means of submitting comments, please include all of the information requested above for the diskette label. The Commission will make available all comments provided in electronic form on the Commission's web site at <http://www.utc.wa.gov>. Documents will be posted within twenty-four hours of receipt.

Comments delivered by mail or courier should be addressed to: Executive Director and Secretary, Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission, P.O. Box 47250, 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive S.W., Olympia, WA 98504-7250.

The Integrated Resource Plan is a product of Northwest Natural Gas Company filed under requirements of WAC 480-90-238. Information about the Commission and its processes can be found on the internet at <http://www.utc.wa.gov>, and further information may be obtained from the Commission Records Center at (360) 664-1234 or at the e-mail address records@utc.wa.gov. When inquiring about the subject of this Notice, please refer to Docket UG-100245.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER,
Executive Director and Secretary