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February 10, 2017

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Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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**Re: UG-_____: Application of Northwest Natural Gas Company for Approval of
Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company**

Attention Filing Center:

NW Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") hereby files with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (the "Commission") a Motion for Protective Order (Expedited Treatment Requested) in conjunction with its Application for Approval of Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company, also filed today.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this filing.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lisa Rackner", is written over a horizontal line.

Lisa Rackner

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS NW
NATURAL

Application for Approval of Corporate
Reorganization to Create a Holding
Company.

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MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER
(Expedited Treatment Requested)

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375, Northwest Natural Gas NW Natural (NW Natural), hereby moves for the entry of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission's (Commission) standard protective order in conjunction with NW Natural's Application for Approval of Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company filing dated February 10, 2017. NW Natural's representatives for purposes of the proceeding are:

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2 NW Natural respectfully requests, through this motion, that the Commission issue its standard protective order.

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On February 10, 2017, NW Natural filed its Application for Approval of Corporate Reorganization to Create a Holding Company. NW Natural anticipates that discovery in this proceeding will include requests for proprietary business and financial information. NW Natural will be exposed to competitive injury if it is forced to make unrestricted disclosure of its confidential business information. This information is commercially sensitive and its public release or its use outside of this proceeding could harm NW Natural and its customers.

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NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously enter its standard protective order before the prehearing conference so that NW Natural may upon request provide the confidential documents to all parties. The entry of the Commission's standard protective order will also facilitate the prompt commencement of discovery in this case.

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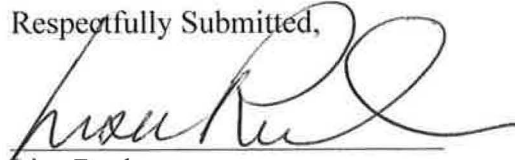
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5 Wherefore, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission enter on an expedited basis the standard protective order for this proceeding.

DATED: February 10, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,



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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I hereby certify that I have this 10th day of February 2017, served the true and correct original, along with the correct number of copies, of the foregoing document upon the WUTC, via Overnight and electronic mail, properly addressed as follows:

Steven V. King	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hand Delivered
Acting Secretary and Executive Director	<input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Mail (first-class, postage prepaid)
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I hereby certify that I have this 10th day of February 2017, served a true and correct copy of the foregoing document upon parties of record, via electronic mail and/or U.S. Mail, properly addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 10th day of February 2017, at Portland, Oregon.



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