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Re: Docket No: UG-031885
Northwest Natural Gas Company's proposed 15% rate increase

Dear Secretary Washburn:

The Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's Office urges the Commission to suspend this matter and set it for investigation. We look forward to contributing to the Commission's inquiry.

Sincerely,

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