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Carole Washburn
Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission
1300 S. Evergreen Pk. Dr. S.W.
PO Box 47250
Olympia, WA 98504-7250

Re:

In the Matter of the Petition of Northwest Natural Gas Company For an accounting order authorizing deferred accounting treatment of certain costs associated with the Company's Smart Energy Program

Docket No. UG-080530

WUTC v. Northwest Natural Gas Company Docket No. UG-080519

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Enclosed please find the original Notice of Appearance on Behalf of Public Counsel for filing in the above-entitled docket. For confirmation of receipt, I have enclosed a copy to be date-stamped and sent back to us in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

Sincerely,

SARAH A. SHIFLEY Assistant Attorney General Public Counsel Section

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