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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

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Re: Schedule P "Determination of Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustments and Weighted Average Cost of Gas"

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), files herewith the following revisions to its Tariff WN U-6 stated to become effective with service on and after August 6, 2011:

Third Revision of Sheet P.1,
Schedule P
"Determination of Company's Purchased Gas Cost Adjustments and Weighted Average Cost of Gas."

The purpose of this filing is to revise Schedule P to revise the definition of gas commodity costs to include the costs of gas reserves associated with volumes of natural gas forecasted to be received by the Company through its acquisition of gas reserves resulting from joint venture agreements as authorized by the Commission. The Company has entered into a transaction to acquire natural gas reserves through a joint venture with Encana Oil & Gas (USA) Inc. ("Encana"). The Company requests that the Commission make an express finding that the Company's decision to enter into the transaction is a prudent one and approve the revisions to Schedule P.

Testimony and exhibits in support of this filing are attached. Portions of this testimony are being filed confidentially pursuant to WAC 480-07-160. This information is commercially sensitive and would prove detrimental to NW Natural and its customers if it was released publicly. NW Natural intends to seek a protective order once a docket number has been assigned to this matter.

The Company respectfully requests that the tariff sheets filed herein be approved to become effective with service on and after August 6, 2011.

As required by WAC 480-80-103(4)(a), I certify that I have authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of NW Natural.

A copy of the filing is available for public inspection in the Company's main office in Portland, Oregon and on its website at www.nwnatural.com.

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