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Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: Northwest Natural Gas Company – Stipulated Condition 25E **Docket UG-170094**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On December 28, 2017, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 01, Order Approving Application Subject to Conditions in the above-referenced docket. Order 01, among other things, required Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or Company) to file its Master Services Agreement (MSA) at the time it files a general rate case (GRC). ¹

On December 18, 2020, the Company filed with the Commission its second GRC following approval of its reorganization, Docket UG-200994, inadvertently omitting the MSA. On May 19, 2021, NW Natural filed the MSA for inclusion in the GRC. The Company explained the oversight and preventative measures going forward. The Company also clarified that the MSA has not changed since it was last updated and filed with the Commission in the Company's last GRC, Docket UG-181053.

Commission Staff reviewed the compliance filing provided by NW Natural dated May 19, 2021, and finds that it complies with the Commission's Order 01, entered December 28, 2017.

Sincerely,

Kristen Hillstead
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¹ 25E. The Company's Master Services Agreements (MSA), itemizing and explaining corporate cost allocation methods used to set rates will be fully described and supported in testimony and work papers in NWN-U's first general rate case submitted after this application is approved by the Commission. Thereafter, the MSA will be filed along with any general rate case filed with the Commission. This filing will capture, highlight and explain all changes since the MSA was last