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Inara K. Scott  
NW Natural Gas Company  
220 NW Second Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97209

Re: NW Natural's 2009 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan  
Docket UG-080912

Dear Ms. Scott:

The Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") has reviewed NW Natural Gas Company's ("NW Natural's") 2009 Integrated Resource Plan ("The Plan"). After careful review and consideration, the Commission finds it meets the requirements of Washington Administrative Code 480-90-238.

The Commission emphasizes that this finding does not pre-approve for ratemaking any expenditures for resources or actions identified in the Plan. The Commission will give due weight to the information, analysis, and strategies contained in the Plan along with other pertinent information during any evaluation of NW Natural's services and rates.

Attached are specific comments from the Commission regarding the Plan. NW Natural's 2011 plan is due on or before March 31, 2011. Commission Staff will provide additional detailed comments as NW Natural develops its next plan.

Sincerely,

DAVID W. DANNER  
Executive Director and Secretary

Attachment