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Steven V. King, Executive Director and Secretary

WASHINGTON UTILITIES & TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

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**Re: UG-143895 - 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan - Extension Request**

 Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), requests an additional fourteen days to file the Company’s 2016 Energy Efficiency Plan (“2016 EE Plan”). The Company makes this request to allow time for the Energy Trust to complete additional analysis regarding the updated avoided cost calculation to be used in the 2016 EE Plan, which was requested by Staff of the Washington Utilities & Transportation Commission (“WUTC”) as part of the acknowledgment process for the Company’s 2014 Integrated Resource Plan. The 2016 EE Plan is currently due on or before December 1, 2015. With the fourteen day extension, the 2016 EE Plan will be filed on or before December 15, 2015. NW Natural has consulted with WUTC Staff regarding this extension, and Staff have no objection to the extension.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Mark R. Thompson*

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