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Via Email and Overnight Delivery

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Executive Director and Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission
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Re: In the matter of NW Natural Gas Company's Revision to Schedule P
Docket No. UG – 111233

Dear Mr. Danner:

Enclosed on behalf of Northwest Natural Gas Company in the above proceeding are an original and twelve (12) copies of Northwest Natural Gas Company's Motion for Protective Order.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Rackner".

Lisa Rackner

Enclosures

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSION**

In the Matter of

**NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY, dba NW Natural,**

**Revision to Schedule P to include
acknowledging the recovery of the
cost of gas acquired through Gas
Reserves.**

DOCKET UG-111233

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE
ORDER**

(Expedited Treatment Requested)

1 Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural” or “Company”), hereby moves for the entry of the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission’s (“Commission”) standard protective order in conjunction with the Company’s filing dated July 6, 2011. The Company’s representatives for purposes of the proceeding are:

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2 The Company respectfully requests, through this motion, that the
Commission issue its standard protective order.

3 On July 6, 2011, the Company filed revised tariff schedules, along with
prefiled direct testimony and exhibits in support of the proposed tariff revisions.
The filing seeks approval of the Company's proposed ratemaking treatment for its
acquisition of natural gas reserves through a joint venture with Encana Oil & Gas
(USA) Inc. ("Encana"). The Company requests that the Commission approve the
tariff sheets in NWN Advice No. 11-4, with an express finding that the
Company's decision to enter into the transaction is a prudent one. The Company
marked a number of exhibits and as "confidential pursuant to WAC 480-07-160."
These exhibits include sensitive information relating to the transaction with
Encana. This information is commercially sensitive and its public release or its
use outside of this proceeding could harm the Company and its customers.

4 Additionally, parties to this proceeding may request other types of
information not listed above that is commercially valuable to the Company that
should be protected from public disclosure or to persons who might make use of
such information to the Company's detriment outside the scope of this proceeding.

5 The Company respectfully requests that the Commission expeditiously
enter its standard protective order before the prehearing conference so that the
Company may be able to provide the confidential exhibits to all parties. The entry

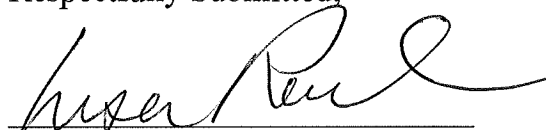
of the Commission's standard protective order will also facilitate the prompt commencement of discovery in this case.

II. CONCLUSION

6 Wherefore, the Company respectfully requests that the Commission enter on an expedited basis the standard protective order for this proceeding.

DATED: July 8, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,



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