BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of)	DOCKET NO. UG-001602
Northwest Natural Gas Company,)	
d/b/a NW Natural for Waiver of the)	ORDER GRANTING WAIVER OF
Requirement of Washington)	RULES
Administrative Code 480-90-031(5))	
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BACKGROUND

- On October 20, 2000, Northwest Natural Gas Company, (NW Natural), filed a petition requesting waiver of the requirement of Washington Administrative Code 480-90-031(5). This request is to waive the requirement of filing a Semi-Annual Results of Operations Report of the twelve months ended June 30, 2000.
- Pursuant to WAC 480-90-031(5), NW Natural Gas is required to file its Semi-Annual Results of Operations Report of the twelve months ended June 30, 2000, before November 1, 2000. Due to the Company's just completed general rate case, in Docket No. UG-000073, the Company requests waiver of WAC 480-90-031(5).

FINDINGS

- NW Natural is a public service company subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission under the provision of Chapter 80.36 RCW.
- It appears that the request for waiver of Commission rules by NW Natural is reasonable, and waiver of filing Semi-Annual Results of Operations Report is not inconsistent with the public interest. It is deemed appropriate that the Company be granted the waiver.
- This matter was brought before the Commission at its regularly scheduled open meeting on November 8, 2000. The Commissioners, having been fully advised in the matter, and having determined the following order to be consistent with the public interest, directed the Secretary to enter the following order and related provisions.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE ORDERS That the requested waiver filed on October 20, 2000, regarding the requirement of WAC 480-90-031(5) to file a Semi-Annual Results of Operations Report for the twelve months ended June 30, 2000, by Northwest Natural Gas Company d/b/a NW Natural, is hereby granted.

DATED at Olympia, Washington, and effective this 8th day of November, 2000.

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

CAROLE J. WASHBURN, Secretary