

**BEFORE THE WASHINGTON STATE
UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND)	DOCKET UG-080519
TRANSPORTATION)	
COMMISSION,)	
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	
COMPANY,)	
)	
Respondent.)	
.....)	
In the Matter of the Petition of:)	DOCKET NO. UG-080519
)	DOCKET NO. UG-080530
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS)	(consolidated)
COMPANY)	
)	
For an accounting order authorizing)	NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
deferred accounting treatment of certain)	COMPANY'S MOTION FOR VARIATION
costs associated with the Company's)	FROM TIME LIMIT
Smart Energy™ Program)	
.....)	

1. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-130(2) and 480-07-375, Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") files this Motion for Variation from Time Limit ("Motion") with the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission").

2. On June 4, 2008, the Public Counsel Section of the Washington State Attorney General's Office ("Public Counsel") filed a Motion to Consolidate With Docket No. UG-080546. Pursuant to WAC 480-07-375(4), a written response to the motion was due within five business days after the motion was served. Due to an administrative error, the Company's reponse was calendared for June 12, 2008—one day after the due date. As a result, NW Natural filed its response concurrently with this Motion.

3. Public Counsel stated that it does not object to NW Natural's request for a variation of the time limit for filing a response.

4. Given that the Company's error was not in bad faith and a variation from the time limit of one day will not prejudice any party or the Commission, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission grant this Motion and accept the Company's late-filed Response to Motion to Consolidate With Docket No. UG-080546.

Dated this 12th day of June, 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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