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March 15, 2021

Mark L. Johnson, Executive Director and Secretary Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Dr. SW P. O. Box 47250 Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

RE: 2018 IRP Update - Northwest Natural Gas Company **Docket UG-190711**

Dear Mr. Johnson:

On November 13, 2020, the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (Commission) entered Order 02 Granting Exemption from Rules Subject to Conditions in the above-referenced docket. Order 02, among other things, required Northwest Natural Gas Company (NW Natural or Company) to submit a 2018 IRP Update no later than March 1, 2021.

On March 1, 2021, NW Natural filed with the Commission its 2018 IRP Update. The Company's Report provides key updates from its 2018 IRP, including new methodology, assumptions, and data, as well as the status of ongoing projects.

Commission Staff (Staff) reviewed the compliance filing provided by NW Natural dated March 1, 2021, and finds that it contains sufficient detail with respect to any changes in NW Natural's 2018 IRP. Therefore, Staff believes that the filing complies with the Commission's Order 02, entered November 13, 2020.

Sincerely,

Jade Jarvis Regulatory Analyst

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¹ See paragraph 7 of Order 02 in docket UG-190711.