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Steven King, Executive Director and Secretary  
Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission  
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**RE: NW Natural's 2016 IRP Work Plan**

Northwest Natural Gas, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), herein files its 2016 Integrated Resource Plan ("IRP") Work Plan in compliance with Washington Administrative Code ("WAC") 480-90-238, which states,

*(4) The work plan must outline the content of the integrated resource plan to be developed by the utility and the method for assessing potential resources.*

and

*(5) The work plan must outline the timing and extent of the public participation.*

If you have any questions regarding this plan, please contact me at 1-503-226-4211, extension 5865.

Sincerely,

*/s/ Gail Hammer*

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