BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

In the Matter of	DOCKET NO. UG-110199
NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS NW NATURAL	
For an accounting order authorizing deferred accounting treatment of certain costs associated with environmental remediation.	MOTION TO AMEND ORDER 01

In accordance with WAC 480-07-875(1), Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural" or the "Company") respectfully requests that the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") amend Order 01 in the above-referenced docket which authorized NW Natural to defer accounting treatment of certain costs associated with environmental remediation of the Gasco, Siltronic, Portland Harbor, Tar Deposit, and Central Gas Holdings sites (the "Sites"). Specifically, NW Natural seeks to modify one of the conditions contained in Order 01 which requires the Company to file semi-annual reports on its progress in remediating contamination at the Sites along with the amount of deferred expenses for the reporting period.[1] The Company has discussed this Motion with Commission Staff and understands that Commission Staff is supportive of the amendment requested herein.

In support of this Motion, NW Natural states:

I. NW Natural Gas Company

NW Natural Gas Company is a public utility engaged in the distribution of natural gas in the states of Oregon and Washington and is subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission with regard to its rates, service, and accounting practices.

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[1] UG-110199, Order 01, Paragraph 12, Condition (i).

II. Statutory Authority

Pursuant to WAC 480-07-875(1), the Commission may alter, amend or rescind any order that is has entered.

III. Communications

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IV. Background

On January 26, 2011, NW Natural filed with the Commission a petition seeking an accounting order under WAC 480-07-370(1)(b) authorizing NW Natural to defer expenses related to the environmental remediation of the Sites.

After reviewing NW Natural's petition filed in Docket UG-110199 and giving due consideration to all relevant matters and for good cause shown, on June 30, 2011 the Commission granted the Company's petition thereby allowing NW Natural to defer costs associated with environmental remediation of the Sites. The Commission's Order 01 included a condition requiring the Company to file semi-annual reports for the environmental remediation deferral project.

V.   NW Natural Proposal

NW Natural is requesting to reduce reporting to only once a year on March 1st of each year. In its annual report, NW Natural will include the amount of expenses deferred in the reporting period and the balance to date along with a summary of the status of the remediation. The Company has discussed this Motion with Commission Staff and understands that Commission Staff is supportive of the amendment requested herein.

VI.   Conclusion

NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission modify Order 01, Paragraph 12, Condition (i) to read as follows: "The Company will file annual reports for the environmental remediation deferral project on March 1st of each year."

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Respectfully Submitted,

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