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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Ms. Carole J. Washburn, Executive Secretary
Washington Utilities and Transportation
Commission
1300 Evergreen Park Drive, S.W.
P. O. Box 47250
Olympia, Washington 98504-7250

Re: Special Contract: Settlement Agreement Related to Rate Schedule 42: Large Volume Non-Residential Sales and Transportation Service. (Application for Approval on Less than Required Notice Enclosed)

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural, or Company), files electronically the following four (4) Special Contracts with a requested effective date of January 11, 2006:

Settlement Agreement between Northwest Natural Gas Company and Great Western Malting Company;

Settlement Agreement between Northwest Natural Gas Company and SEH America, Inc.;

Settlement Agreement between Northwest Natural Gas Company and Exterior Wood, Inc.; and

Settlement Agreement between Northwest Natural Gas Company and WaferTech LLC.

These agreements are filed in settlement of the issues with certain Schedule 42 Customers, as previously addressed by the Commission in Docket UG 051683. Some portions of these agreements contain valuable commercial information, including trade secrets and confidential information, as described in

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RCW 80.04.095. No portion of these materials may be copied, reproduced, or disclosed in any manner without the express permission of Northwest Natural Gas Company. Please ensure that these agreements are handled in a manner that prevents any misappropriation of the information contained therein.

The Company submits with this filing duplicate versions of each contract which designates portions as "confidential" in compliance with WAC 480-80-143(7).

The company respectfully requests that this filing be placed on the Commission's agenda for the January 11, 2006 public meeting. The Company respectfully requests that the Commission consider this as the Company's application for approval on less than required notice in order for certain customers to make timely decisions on sales options under the agreements. Commission approval is therefore requested with timely resolution in order to effectuate the settlement.

Copies of this letter and the attached filing are available in the company's offices in Vancouver, Washington and The Dalles, Oregon.

As required by WAC 480-80-103(4)(a), I certify that I have authority to issue tariff revisions on behalf of NW Natural.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Onita R. King

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