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ALJ Dennis J. Moss
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Re: **Docket No. UG 111233**

Dear Judge Moss:

After discussions with the parties, NW Natural is considering withdrawing its tariff filing in this docket. While the parties seem to agree in principle that the filing should be withdrawn, they require additional time to consider the terms under which this might be achieved. For this reason, we ask that the prehearing conference set for today be cancelled, and the procedural schedule be suspended for two weeks, to allow the parties to attempt to resolve all outstanding issues.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Rackner", written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above the printed name.

Lisa Rackner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 22nd day of August, 2011, served the true and correct original, along with the correct number of copies, of the foregoing document upon the WUTC, via the method(s) noted below, properly addressed as follows:

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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 22nd day of August, 2011, at Portland, Oregon.



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