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Re: Docket UG-031627: Amended Second Supplemental Application (Issuance and Sale of up to \$50,000,000 of Medium-Term Notes, Series B, from NW Natural's Shelf Registration for an additional \$150,000,000 principal amount of Medium-Term Notes, Series B)

Dear Ms. Washburn:

Transmitted herewith for filing with the Commission are an original and one conformed copy of the Amended Second Supplemental Application of Northwest Natural Gas Company requesting an Order of the Commission Establishing Compliance with RCW 80.08.040 and WAC 480-146-290 with respect to the Company's proposed issuance and sale of up to \$50,000,000 principal amount of its Medium-Term Notes, Series B.

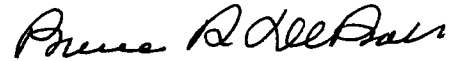
The Amended Second Supplemental Application filed herein incorporates by reference the background information with respect to the Company's \$150,000,000 shelf registration described in its Application in Docket UG-020986.

Submitted herewith are a hard copy and diskette containing a draft recommended order of the Commission for use in connection with the processing of the amended supplemental application. On file in Docket UG-020986 are two copies of NW Natural's Registration Statement on Form S-3 for the \$150,000,000 in Secured and Unsecured Notes, as filed and effective with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Please forward to Mr. C.J. Rue, Corporate Secretary, at this address, 10 certified copies of the Order of the Commission in this Docket.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (503) 220-2406.

Very truly yours,



Bruce R. DeBolt
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