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Via Email and First Class Mail

David Danner
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Re: *Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission v. Northwest Natural Gas Company*, **Docket UG – 111233**

Dear Mr. Danner:

Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") files this letter in compliance with Order 02, issued by the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission ("Commission") on October 12, 2011. Paragraph 12 of Order 02 requires NW Natural to inform the Commission whether it elects to withdraw its filing in this docket or whether it elects not to withdraw the filing and wishes instead to maintain the filing and seek additional process.

NW Natural elects not to withdraw the filing and instead it will to continue to seek Commission action on the filing. For this reason, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission schedule a prehearing conference in this matter as set forth in paragraph 12 of Order 02. In the interim, NW Natural and Commission Staff intend to continue discussions in an attempt to reach a mutually agreeable resolution of the issues in this docket.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa Rackner".

Lisa Rackner

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this 19th day of October, 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 19th day of October, 2011, at Portland, Oregon.



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