

BEFORE THE WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON UTILITIES AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION,

Complainant,

v.

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY,

Respondent.

DOCKET NO. UG-080519

In the Matter of the Petition of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS
COMPANY

For an Accounting Order Authorizing
Deferred Accounting Treatment of Certain
Costs Associated with the Smart Energy
Program.

DOCKET NO. UG-080530
(consolidated)

DECLARATION OF JONATHAN
THOMPSON IN SUPPORT OF
COMMISSION STAFF'S
MOTION FOR SUMMARY
DETERMINATION

Jonathan Thompson declares:


1. I am the attorney of record for Commission Staff in this proceeding. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify to the matters set forth below, and I have personal knowledge of those matters.
2. Shortly after Northwest Natural Gas Company filed tariff pages adding a pilot Smart Energy Program to its Washington service offerings on March 21, 2008, Commission Staff made a number of informal data requests to the Company. The Company responded with an April 15, 2008, letter from Natasha Siores to Deborah

Reynolds, restating six questions posed by Staff and providing written answers to those questions. A true and correct copy of the Company's April 15, 2008, responses to Staff's informal data requests 1 through 6 (minus the Company's attachments) is attached as Exhibit A to this declaration.

3. On June 26, 2008, Staff served its formal data requests nos. 1 through 5 on Northwest Natural Gas Company. On July 10, 2008, the Company provided its responses to Staff's formal data requests.
4. A true and correct copy of Northwest Natural Gas Company's response to Staff's formal data request no. 4 is attached as Exhibit B to this declaration.
5. A true and correct copy of Northwest Natural Gas Company's response to Staff's formal data request no. 5 (minus the Company's attachments) is attached as Exhibit C to this declaration.

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

Dated: July, 18, 2008, at Olympia, Washington.



JONATHAN C. THOMPSON
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