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VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Attn: PUC Filing Center
201 High Street SE, Suite 100
Post Office Box: 1088
Salem, OR 97308-1088

Re: OPUC Docket No. UG 344 – Northwest Natural Gas Company’s Application for a General Rate Revision – Attestations filed Pursuant to Partial Stipulation.

On August 6, 2018, Northwest Natural Gas Company (“NW Natural” or the “Company”), the Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon (“Staff”), Oregon Citizens’ Utility Board (“CUB”) and the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers (“AWEC”) (together, the “Stipulating Parties”) filed a Partial Stipulation, proposing an agreed upon resolution to various issues in this case. Under the terms of the Partial Stipulation, NW Natural agreed to file an attestation of a Company officer by October 5, 2018, attesting to whether any projects forecast to cost over \$1,000,000 and to be completed by October 31, 2018 will not be complete by this time. Pursuant to the Partial Stipulation, if the Company’s identifies any projects that will not be complete by October 31, 2018, those projects will be removed from rate base for purposes of calculating the rates pursuant to the Partial Stipulation, and rates adjusted accordingly.

In accordance with the Partial Stipulation, NW Natural files with this letter the attestation of Kimberly A. Heiting, Senior Vice President, Utility Operations and Chief Marketing Officer. Ms. Heiting’s Attestation identifies three projects included in the rate case that will not be completed by October 31, 2018. The total costs for these projects, inclusive of construction overhead, is \$6.619 million. As such, this amount will be removed from rate base for purposes of calculating rates pursuant to the Partial Stipulation. The Company’s compliance filing following a Commission Order on the Partial Stipulation will show the updated revenue requirements effect of this change to rate base and the resulting rates for customers.

Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions about this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Zachary D. Kravitz

Zachary D. Kravitz,
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Northwest Natural Gas Company

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
OF OREGON**

UG 344

In the Matter of
NW NATURAL GAS COMPANY D/B/A NW NATURAL
Application for a General Rate Revision.

**ATTESTATION OF
KIMBERLY A. HEITING**

1 **STATE OF OREGON**)
2) **ss**
3 **COUNTY OF MULTNOMAH**)
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5 I, Kimberly A. Heiting, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say:

6 1. My name is Kimberly A. Heiting, and I am employed by Northwest Natural Gas
7 Company ("NW Natural") as Senior Vice President, Operations & Chief Marketing Officer.

8 2. I am making this attestation in compliance with Paragraph 6 of the Stipulation filed in
9 this docket on August 6, 2018 ("Stipulation").

10 3. I attest that the following projects forecast by NW Natural to cost over \$1,000,000.00
11 and to be completed by October 31, 2018 will not be complete by this time:

| PROJECT | AMOUNT OF INVESTMENT INCLUDED IN RATE CASE |
|--|---|
| Customer Order Management Project | \$3.341M |
| Mist Instrument and Controls Upgrade Ph. 2 | \$1.238M |
| Source Control Related Capital- Environmental | \$2.040M |

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13 4. In accordance with the Stipulation, the projects identified in Paragraph 3 of this
14 Attestation will be removed from rate base for purposes of calculating the rates as a result of
15 this general rate case.

1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Oregon that the
2 foregoing is true and correct based on my information and belief.

3 SIGNED this 5th day of October, 2018, at Portland Oregon.

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Signed: Kimberly A. Heiting

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7 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 5th day of October, 2018.

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Ronna Coulter Newsom
Notary Public, State of Oregon
My Commission Expires 7/19/19

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