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VIA E-MAIL TO

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
Filing Center
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Re: Docket No. UG 490 – In the Matter of Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural, Request for a General Rate Revision.

Attention Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above-referenced docket, please find the Motion to Admit Second Partial Multi-Party Stipulation and Request for Waiver.

Please contact this office with any questions.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF OREGON

UG 490

In the Matter of NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY, dba NW Natural Application for a General Rate Revision	**MOTION TO ADMIT SECOND PARTIAL MULTI-PARTY STIPULATION AND REQUEST FOR WAIVER**

Concurrent with the filing of this Motion, Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural" or the "Company") is filing the Second Partial Multi-Party Stipulation ("Second Stipulation") reflecting the agreement of the parties to this case—NW Natural, Staff of the Public Utility Commission of Oregon ("Staff"), the Oregon Citizens' Utility Board ("CUB"), the Alliance of Western Energy Consumers ("AWEC"), and the Coalition of Communities of Color, Climate Solutions, Verde, Columbia Riverkeeper, Oregon Environmental Council, Community Energy Project, and Sierra Club ("Coalition") (collectively, the "Stipulating Parties")—regarding the Company's revenue requirement; cost of capital and capital structure; capital projects and capital additions; rate spread and rate design; and the residential bill discount program, proposed arrearage management program, and related cost recovery. Accordingly, NW Natural, on behalf of the Stipulating Parties, requests that the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") issue a ruling admitting the Second Stipulation into the record as evidence in this proceeding and further requests a waiver of the requirement in OAR 860-001-0350(7) that settlements between parties be accompanied by joint testimony or a supporting brief when filed. NW Natural has consulted with the Stipulating Parties, and the Stipulating Parties support this Motion and Request for Waiver.

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The Stipulating Parties seek to file the Second Stipulation immediately, in order to notify the Commission and interested parties that the Stipulating Parties have resolved the above listed issues raised in this docket. The Stipulating Parties plan to file joint testimony supporting the Second Stipulation as soon as possible following the conclusion of the evidentiary hearing, or by no later than August 9, 2024. Accordingly, the Stipulating Parties ask for a waiver of the requirement in OAR 860-001-0350(7) that the Second Stipulation be accompanied by supporting testimony at the time of filing.

For the foregoing reasons, NW Natural asks that the ALJ accept the Second Stipulation for filing and waive the requirement in OAR 860-001-0350(7) that a supporting joint brief or testimony be filed contemporaneously.

DATED this July 24, 2024.

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