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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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Attention: Filing Center

**RE: UM 1286 – PGA Sharing Election**

Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural (NW Natural or Company), writes this letter to confirm that, in accordance with Order No. 11-196, it will provide its annual sharing election related to the 2011-2012 PGA year when it makes its final annual PGA filing, on or around October 17, 2011. This change to the filing date was discussed among and agreed to by participants in the recent PGA guidelines revision workshops that were held at the OPUC, and those agreements were presented to the Commission and approved on June 16, 2011.

Because, in prior years, NW Natural would have filed its election with the Commission by August 1st, we are writing this letter to document the modified process going forward.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Mark R. Thompson

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cc: UM 1286 Service List

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing **NW Natural's Change to Filing Date of Annual PGA Sharing Election letter in Docket UM 1286** upon each party listed below, by electronic mail and, where paper service is not waived, by U.S. mail, postage prepaid:

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DATED this 29th day of July 2011.

Respectfully submitted,  
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