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Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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ATTN: Ms. Vikie Bailey-Goggins

Re: Order 07-002: Extension of 2007 IRP deadline

Northwest Natural (NW Natural) respectfully requests an extension of time from the deadline set forth in Order 07-002 to file its 2007 Integrated Resource Plan.¹ Although the Company has been in the process of drafting its IRP for review by Commission Staff and other interested parties, and has already held two Technical Working Group meetings, the primary author of the plan left the company unexpectedly on July 6, 2007. While NW Natural intends to hire someone to fill this position, we have not yet found a replacement, and at this time do not have anyone in the company with sufficient expertise to operate our IRP modeling software or adequately review and defend the draft plan that we have been developing.

We are currently hiring a consultant to update our draft plan and review our model. We understand that it is necessary to give Staff and other interested parties time to review our draft before it is filed with the Commission. See Guideline 2, Order No. 07-002. After conferring with Staff and other parties, we have determined that an extension of time until March 1, 2008 will be necessary in order to provide the parties sufficient time to review our draft and for the Company to incorporate the parties' comments in our final plan.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Inara K. Scott

Inara K. Scott
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

¹ In Order No. 07-002 (page 26), the Commission noted that it would consider NW Natural in compliance with the new guidelines if it filed its IRP in the third quarter of 2007.



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the 4th day of September, 2007, I served the foregoing NOTICE OF NORTHWEST NATURAL'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE ITS 2007 INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN upon all parties of record in OPUC Docket No. LC 37 proceeding by emailing an electronic copy and/or mailing a hard copy to the following parties or attorneys of parties:

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