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October 27, 2009

VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Utility Commission of Oregon
550 Capitol Street, NE, Suite 215
PO Box 2148
Salem, Oregon 97308-2148

Attn: Filing Center

Re: UG 187 – NWN Advice No. OPUC 09-12: Annual Purchased Gas Cost and Technical
Rate Adjustments

As required by OAR 860-022-0017(4), enclosed is an affidavit attesting that
notice has been given of the above-referenced filing, dated August 31, 2009. Affidavits of
Publication and representative tearsheets from the major newspapers in the Company's
Oregon service territory are attached thereto.

Please contact me at (503) 226-4211, extension 3590, if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Kelley O. Miller
Staff Assistant

Enclosures

cc: Phil Boyle, OPUC Consumer Services w/enclosures

The Oregonian (Portland); The Statesman Journal (Salem); The Register-Guard (Eugene); and The World (Coos Bay).

AFFIDAVIT

I, Kelley C. Miller, do hereby attest that notice has been given that NW Natural has filed for a rate decrease in NWN Advice No. OPU 09-12, dated August 31, 2009, and that attached to this affidavit are tearsheets of the notice as published by the four major newspapers in the Company's Oregon service territory, with accompanying Affidavits of Publication from each; said notice, titled "NW Natural Files for Double-Digit Rate Decrease in Oregon," being duly published in *The Oregonian*, *The Statesman Journal*, *The Register-Guard*, and *The World* on the 10th day of September, 2009.

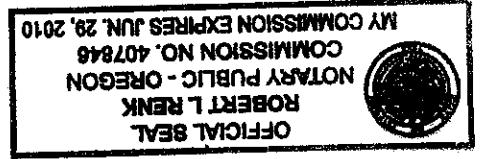
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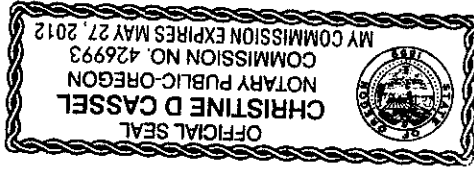
STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.)
 County of Multnomah)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of October, 2009.

[Handwritten Signature]

Notary Public for Oregon
 My Commission Expires: 6/29/10





My Commission expires 5-27-12

Notary Public for Oregon

Christine D. Cassel

Subscribed and Sworn to before me on September 21, 2009

Principal Clerk of the Publisher

Theresa Watzig

September 10, 2009

#0002847131

NW NATURAL GAS/ONAC

I, Theresa Watzig duly sworn depose and say that I am the Principal Clerk of The Publisher of The Oregonian, a newspaper of general circulation, as defined by ORS 193.010 and 193.020, published in the City of Portland, in Multnomah County, Oregon; that the advertisement was published without interruption in the entire and regular issue of The Oregonian or the issue on the following date(s):

Affidavit of Publication

1320 S.W. BROADWAY PORTLAND, OREGON 97201-3499

ESTABLISHED 1850

The Oregonian

Statesman Journal

PO Box 13009, Salem OR 97309-1015 503.399.6676

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Cathy Hendrick, do hereby certify that all advertisements for Northwest Natural Gas dated 09/10/09 were in fact printed in the Statesman Journal on the date indicated.

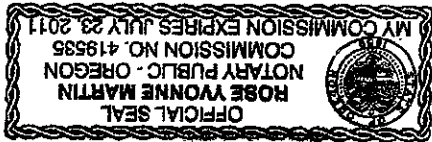
Insertion Date: 09/10/09

Publication - Statesman Journal, City of Salem Oregon in Marion County with Distribution in Polk County
Size - 3 x 10 (30 inches) "Rate decrease public Notice"

Certified this 26th day of October, 2009.

Statesman Journal

By: Cathy Hendrick, Billing



STATE OF Oregon)
COUNTY OF Marion)

On this 26th day of Oct, 2009, before me personally came Cathy Hendrick to me known to be the individual described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he/she executed the same.

Signed Rose Yvonne Martin

Commission Expires: 10/26/09

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

In The Matter Of: Northwest Natural

Public Notice: "NW Natural Files for Double-Digit Rate Decrease in Oregon"

This is to certify that a Public Notice advertisement (3 x 10) for Northwest Natural

appeared in

The Register-Guard (paper)

on (date)

9-10-09

Signature Babs Ford

Sworn to before me this 10th day of Sept 2009.

Babs Ford
Notary Public



AFFIDAVIT OF INSERTION

I, Adeline Fisher, being
First duly sworn, depose and say that I am a
Customer Service Representative for
The World Newspaper of general circulation,
published at Coos Bay, Oregon in the aforesaid
county and state; that I know from my personal
knowledge that :

A 3 col. x 10" advertisement for Northwest Natural/ONAC
Job # 09092NN0, Public Rate Decrease

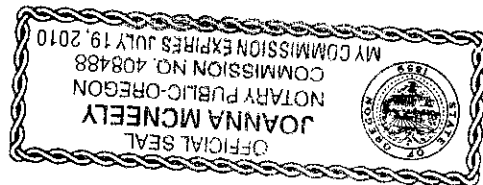
a printed copy of which hereto annexed, was published in
the said newspaper in the following issue:

The World Newspaper &
The World's Super Weekly Edition on
Thursday, September 10, 2009

Signature *Adeline Fisher*

Subscribed and sworn to me on this
16th day of September, 2009

Joanna McNeely
Notary Public of Oregon
My commission expires



Mike Luvaan resigned over a videotape that detail about having sex with another woman.

a new argument on broad- tions, beginning with Pres- dent Theodore Roosevelt's case into a test of whether two earlier high court deci- the 20th century.

NW Natural Files for Double-Digit Rate Decrease in Oregon

Reduction would make customer prices the lowest in five years

NW Natural has filed with the Public Utility Commis- sion of Oregon for an overall rate reduction that, on av- erage, would decrease the Company's revenues from Oregon customers by about 19.85 percent. If approved by the Commission, the rate changes will become ef- fective November 1, 2009. The Company adjusts its gas costs in similar filings every year.

WHY THE PRICE DECREASES?

The economic slowdown combined with greater gas production and generally mild weather across the country equaled a dramatic decline in prices, which al- lowed us to buy gas at lower costs. This decrease is in addition to the \$32 million in gas cost savings that was provided as a bill credit to customers in June. The re- quested price decrease also reflects the effects of lower gas costs NW Natural will experience over the coming year, and includes the impacts of an increase to the public purpose charge that funds Energy Trust of Oregon conservation and energy efficiency programs.

HOW MUCH WILL MY GAS BILL GO DOWN?

If the request is approved, residential rates will de- crease by 14.5%, commercial rates by 17.5%, large in- dustrial firm rates by 29.2%, and large industrial interruptible rates by 30.8%. Residential customers using an average of 55 therms per month would see a monthly bill decrease of about \$12.

HOW CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS FILING?

Copies of the filing are available for inspection at the Company's main office, and on the Company's website at www.nwnatural.com. For more information about the filing, or notice of the time and place of any hearing, contact the Company or the Commission as follows:

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