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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
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Attn: Filing Center

**Re: LC \_\_\_\_, In the Matter of Northwest Natural's 2014 Integrated Resource Plan**

In accordance with the provision provided in OAR 860-001-0080(1), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural ("NW Natural" or the "Company"), submits the enclosed Motion for a General Protective Order in LC\_\_\_\_, the docket for NW Natural's 2014 Integrated Resource Plan.

Enclosed is a Certificate of Service verifying that this application has been sent to all parties who participated in the Company's most recently completed general rate case, UG 221.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please call Jennifer Gross at (503) 226-4211, extension 3590.

Sincerely,

NW NATURAL

*/s/ Mark R. Thompson*

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enclosures

cc: UG 221 Service List

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION  
OF OREGON**

LC \_\_\_\_

In the Matter of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS  
COMPANY'S

2014 Integrated Resource Plan

**MOTION FOR  
GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER**

1 I. Pursuant to OAR 860-001-0080(1), Northwest Natural Gas Company, dba NW Natural  
2 ("NW Natural" or the "Company") moves the Public Utility Commission of Oregon  
3 ("Commission") for entry of a general protective order in this proceeding. Good cause exists to  
4 issue a protective order to protect commercially sensitive and confidential information related  
5 to the Company's long term resource planning.

6 The Commission's rules authorize NW Natural to seek reasonable restrictions on  
7 discovery of trade secrets and other confidential information. The Commission's standard  
8 protective order is designed to allow the broadest possible discovery consistent with the need  
9 to protect confidential information. NW Natural expects to receive discovery requests in this  
10 proceeding, including requests for proprietary cost data and models, commercially sensitive  
11 pricing information, and confidential market analyses and business projections. This  
12 confidential business information is of significant commercial value, which could expose the  
13 Company to competitive injury if disclosure is unrestricted.

14 It is substantially likely that the parties to these proceedings will seek to discover further  
15 information held by NW Natural, including confidential business information. Issuance of a  
16 protective order will facilitate the production of relevant information and expedite the  
17 discovery process.

1           For these reasons, NW Natural respectfully requests that the Commission enter its  
2 general protective order in this docket.

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4 Dated this 28th day of April 2014.

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          /s/ Mark R. Thompson          

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that I served the foregoing MOTION FOR GENERAL PROTECTIVE ORDER, upon each party listed on the UG 221 Service List by electronic mail.

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