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Re: In re Northwest Natural Gas (DR 23) - Stipulation

Dear Judge Crowley and Ms. Davis:

I enclose for your consideration and for filing a Stipulation in the above matter between Petitioner NW Natural and Intervenor Oregon Steel. On the basis of NW Natural's representations in the Stipulation, Oregon Steel will not be filing a reply brief. My understanding is that Oregon Steel does not expect to participate further in this case except to implement the Stipulation, although it will remain a party.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


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Northwest Natural Gas Company ("NW Natural") and Oregon Steel Mills, Inc. ("Oregon Steel"), by and through their respective attorneys, stipulate as follows:

1. For purposes of this declaratory ruling proceeding, it is not the intent of NW Natural to seek declaratory relief concerning the legality of the Oregon Steel facilities described in Paragraph 22 of the Amended Petition. Accordingly, NW Natural and Oregon Steel agree that any decision issued in this proceeding shall not apply to such facilities.
2. The parties intend this Stipulation to affect only the applicability of the current declaratory ruling proceedings to the current Oregon Steel facilities described in Paragraph 22 of the Amended Petition and to the parties to the settlement agreement that was approved by the OPUC in Order No. 92-762. This Stipulation does not affect whether parties who were not parties to the settlement agreement may connect their plants to the existing or expanded Oregon Steel facilities. NW Natural and Oregon Steel do not waive any legal position or right with respect to any such connection.
3. NW Natural agrees to file this Stipulation in the DR 23 proceedings now pending and to reiterate this position in its arguments to the Presiding Officer.

DATED this 22nd day of November 1999.

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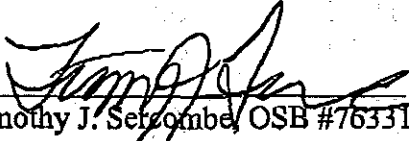
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