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**Letter of Support for Northwest Natural's Testimony Regarding Docket UM 1565  
The Oregon Public Utility Commission's Investigation into Fuel Switching & Cross Fuel Efficiency Issues**

Throughout Docket UM 1565, *The Oregon Public Utility Commission's investigation into Fuel Switching and Cross Fuel Efficiency Issues*, Northwest Natural has taken a lead role in expressing concerns regarding the Energy Trust of Oregon's provision of incentives for space heating and cooling equipment, and the lack of parity between the space heat incentives available for electric versus gas space heating equipment. Cascade Natural Gas Corporation has closely monitored and participated in this docket and is pleased to submit the following letter expressing its agreement with the major issues and concerns outlined in Northwest Natural's testimony.

Due to the overarching similarities between the interests of Cascade Natural Gas and Northwest Natural in regards to UM 1565, and the extensive amount of detailed research provided by the latter, the Company believes that NWN is in the best position to fully articulate the concerns and unintended consequences associated with the Energy Trust of Oregon's marketing and provision of heat pump incentives to natural gas space heat customers.

Furthermore, Cascade concurs with statements and assessments offered by Northwest Natural suggesting that the Energy Trust may currently be providing confusing marketing signals regarding the value of natural gas versus electric equipment. We therefore agree that heat pump incentives should not be provided to customers that use natural gas to heat their homes.

Again, we thank you for the opportunity to provide this letter in support of Northwest Natural's testimony. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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## Certificate of Service

I certify that I have this day served the foregoing comments upon all parties of record in UM 1565 by emailing an electronic copy to the following parties or attorneys of parties:

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