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PUC Filing Center
Public Utility Commission of Oregon
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Re: Docket No. UM 1804: Parties' Response to Bench Request

Dear PUC Filing Center:

Attached for filing in the above referenced case is an electronic copy of the Parties' Response to the Commission's Bench Request issued on October 2, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Very truly yours,

Alisha Till
Administrative Assistant

Attachment

1 **BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION**
2 **OF OREGON**

3 **UM 1804**

4 In the Matter of

5 **NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY,**

6 Application for Approval of Corporate
7 Reorganization to Create a Holding
Company.

**PARTIES' RESPONSE
TO BENCH REQUEST**


8 The Parties to UM 1804 provide the following response to the Commission's Bench
9 Request issued on October 2, 2017:

10 NW Natural will provide the annual credit to customers (Condition No. 44)
11 as a reduction to collectible expense at the time of the Company's
12 Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA). The credit will be applied on an equal
13 percent of margin basis to the annual per therm rate for the forthcoming
14 PGA year. Thus, the credit will result in a reduction to customers' bills on
15 a monthly basis, throughout the year. Based on June 2017 customer
counts, NW Natural estimates crediting \$340,765 of the \$500,000 to
residential customers annually, with the remainder to other customer
groups. This credit reflects a 0.1% reduction to the average residential
customer's bill.

16 After conferral regarding the response to this bench request, all parties to this
17 proceeding have indicated their support for the approach and calculation described above.

18 DATED: October 12, 2017.

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