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Oregon Public Utility Commission 550 Capitol Street N.E., Suite 215 Salem, Oregon 97301-2551

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Re: Docket No. UF-3279

Please refer to your file in Docket No. UF-3279 regarding the Company's issuance and sale of 5,550,000 shares of its Common Stock under the terms of the Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan.

Enclosed for filing in this Docket is the Company's 2008 Report of Proceeds Received, Expenses Incurred and Disposition of Proceeds prepared pursuant to the Commission's Order and Supplemental Orders in this Docket.

Sincerely,

MardiLyn Saathoff

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BEFORE THE OREGON PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application and Supplemental Applications of

NORTHWEST NATURAL GAS COMPANY

for Orders Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of not to exceed 5,550,000 Shares of its Common Stock Docket No. UF-3279

Report of Proceeds Received, Expenses Incurred and Disposition of Proceeds

On October 1, 1976, Northwest Natural Gas Company (the Company) filed an Application with the Oregon Public Utility Commission (the Commission) under the provisions of ORS Chapter 757 for an Order authorizing the Company to issue and sell pursuant to the terms of its Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (the Plan) not to exceed 300,000 shares of its authorized but unissued Common Stock. On November 4, 1976, the Commission issued its Order in the above-entitled matter granting the Company's Application and authorizing it to issue and sell to holders of record of its Common Stock not more than 300,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the Plan.

On March 27, 1980, January 11, 1983, September 28, 1984, April 25, 1986, January 12, 1989, December 31, 1991, December 3, 1993, July 1, 1997, August 22, 2001 and June 9, 2005, the Company filed Supplemental Applications with the Commission under the provisions of ORS Chapter 757 for supplemental orders authorizing the Company to issue and sell, pursuant to the Plan, a total of 5,250,000 additional shares of its authorized but unissued Common Stock. On April 16, 1980, January 24, 1983, October 31, 1984, May 27, 1986, February 17, 1989, January 31, 1992, January 3, 1994, August 1, 1997, September 28, 2001 and July 6, 2005, respectively, the Commission issued its Supplemental Orders, Nos. 80-289, 83-036, 84-868, 86-518, 89-176, 92-181, 94-002, 97-286, 01-840 and 05-825 in the aboveentitled matter, granting the Company's Supplemental Applications, and authorizing it to issue and sell an additional 5,250,000 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the terms of the Plan. On September 6, 1996, the Company's Common Stock was split three-for-two, effected by means of a 50% stock dividend. Pursuant to the Company's request, the Commission, in its Order No. 96-165, dated June 23, 1996, authorized an adjustment to be made to reflect this stock split by increasing by 50% the number of shares remaining authorized to be issued under the Plan on the effective date of the stock split. An additional 87,263 shares were reserved for issuance under the Plan pursuant to this authorization. Therefore, at the date hereof the Company was authorized to issue and sell, pursuant to the Plan, an aggregate of 5,637,263 shares of its authorized but unissued common stock.

Since February 1977, the Company has made monthly offerings under the Plan to common shareholders who elected to participate. For years 1977 through 1983, shares of Common Stock purchased by participants in the Plan with reinvested dividends were priced at 95% of the average of the bid and asked prices of the Common Stock, as quoted by the National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotation system, over the five-day period ending on the Investment Date, as defined in the Plan. Beginning in 1984, shares purchased under the Plan with reinvested dividends and with optional cash payments were priced at 100% of the average of the closing sales prices over this five-day period. Effective January 1, 1994, shares purchased with reinvested dividends and with optional cash payments were priced at the average of the high and low trading prices, as reported on the Nasdaq Stock

Market, on the Investment Date. Effective July 27, 2000, the Company's Common Stock was listed and commenced trading on the New York Stock Exchange. For purposes of the Plan, the purchase price for original issue shares is the average of the high and low trading prices on the New York Stock Exchange on the Investment Date. Beginning on December 15, 2005, the Company began purchasing shares on the open market for purchase under the Plan. The price for shares purchased on the open market is the average price (including brokerage fees) paid by the Purchasing Representative to obtain them.

During 2008, the Company purchased on the open market an aggregate of 88,824 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the Plan at various prices as more fully set forth herein. Of such shares, 71,745 were sold through reinvestment by participants of their dividends, while the remaining 17,079 shares were sold to participants who elected to make optional cash payments. Book entries for the 88,824 shares were issued at various times to American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, custodial agent. Such fully paid shares are held by the transfer agent in individual participants' Plan Accounts until such participants request that certificates be issued or that the shares be sold.

The Company had received aggregate cash proceeds in the amount of \$106,954,337.41 from sales of 4,770,191 shares of Common Stock it issued and sold in this Docket through December 31, 2005. These amounts have not changed since the Company's 2005 Report of Proceeds Received, Expenses Incurred and Disposition of Proceeds submitted by the Company. In addition, a total of 291,189 shares have been purchased in the open market to meet requirements of the Plan. The Company did not receive proceeds from the 88,824 shares sold under the Plan in 2008 because the shares were purchased on the open market.

Pursuant to the Commission's Order No. 76-780 and its Supplemental Order Nos. 80-289, 83-036, 84-868, 86-518, 89-176, 92-181, 94-002, 97-286, 01-840 and 05-825 in this Docket, the following detailed information is filed for the year 2008.

(A) The number of shares sold on each investment date, the prices at which such shares were sold, and the gross proceeds received by the Company from such sales during 2008:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Price</u>	Shares Repurchased	Gross Proceeds
February 15, 2008	\$45.52	18,320	\$0
May 15, 2008	\$44.66	18,684	\$0
August 15, 2008	\$47.54	17,125	\$0
November 15, 2008	\$47.70	17,616	\$0
Optional Cash Payments			
January 12, 2008	\$49.90	1,255	\$0
February 15, 2008	\$45.52	1,048	\$0
March 15, 2008	\$42.25	1,714	\$0
April 13, 2008	\$44.39	1,713	\$0
May 15, 2008	\$44.66	1,316	\$0
June 15, 2008	\$46.22	1,514	\$0
July 13, 2008	\$45.76	1,024	\$0
August 15, 2008	\$47.54	995	\$0
September 14, 2008	\$49.86	2,111	\$0
October 15, 2008	\$43.88	1,645	\$0
November 15, 2008	\$47.70	1,395	\$0
December 14, 2008	\$44.01	<u>1,349</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Grand Total		<u>88,824</u>	<u>\$0</u>

(B) Summary of the proceeds and expenses of the sales

Gross Proceeds Received:

88,824 repurchased at various prices (open market purchases)	\$0
Expenses actually and necessarily incurred as detailed in this Report	<u>13,900</u>
Net proceeds to be accounted for	(13,900)

- (C) There were no net proceeds received from the sales of Common Stock during 2008.
- (D) The expenses actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the Plan during 2008 and the accumulative total incurred in this Docket were as follows:

		Actual Amount	
	Estimated(a)	2008	Accumulative Total
Par Value of Common Stock Issued Plus Premium	\$15,199,310 87,281,940	\$ n/a (b) <u>0</u>	\$ 15,099,783 91,854,555
Gross Proceeds	\$102,481,250	_ (c)	\$106,954,338
Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	28,527	-	25,629
New York Stock Exchange Listing Fee	2,625	-	5,250
Fees to State Regulatory Authorities Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Oregon Public Utility Commission Other	451	- - •	132 316 12
Printing and Engraving Expenses	157,000		
Platt Lithograph Company Registration Statements, Prospectuses, etc. Computer Forms Imprinting, Inc. Moore Business Forms UARCO, Inc. Colonial Business Forms, Inc. Data Documents American Mail-Well Merrill Corp. Digitype Imaging and Design R. R. Donnelly Miscellaneous		- - - - - - -	33,039 2,808 1,286 1,825 7,970 2,050 3,099 1,255 3,083 9,117 46,984
Administration Costs Bradford Trust Company (successor	173,000		
to Bankers Trust Company) United States National Bank of Oregon Bidwell & Company		- - -	25,057 20,613 3,000
Counsel Fees Thelen Reid & Priest LLP Fees and Expenses Stoel Rives LLP	129,000	- -	178,476 1,216
Accountants' Fees	56,500		00.005
Deloitte & Touche PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP		-	29,025 8,190
NASD Listing Fee	800	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense Miller and Lents Ltd. (formerly Brokaw, Dixon & McKee) Freight and Postage Admail, Inc. American Stock Transfer & Trust (expenses)	170,148	- - 13,900	3,506 139,433 56,139 52,211
Other			5,686
Total Deductions	<u>718,051</u>	13,900	666,407
Net Amount Realized	<u>\$101,763,199</u>	<u>\$13,900</u>	<u>\$106,287,931</u>

⁽a) Based upon sale of the common Stock over a 29-year period
(b) Par value eliminated May 2006
(c) Beginning December 2005, shares for the Plan were repurchased in the open market. No original issuances were made pursuant to the Plan in 2008.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the corporate seal of Northwest Natural Gas Company this 30th day of January 2009.

(SEAL)

MardiLyn Saathoff

Chief Governance Officer and Corporate Secretary



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of January 2009.

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 6/21/12