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

Attention: Mr. Thomas J. Barkin, Administrator

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 2005 Report of Proceeds Received, Expenses Incurred and Disposition of Proceeds prepared pursuant to the Commission's Order and Supplemental Orders in this Docket.

Sincerely,

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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 of a par value of \$3-1/6 per share. 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 2005, the Company issued and sold an aggregate of 113,925 shares of its Common Stock pursuant to the Plan at various prices as more fully set forth herein. An additional 1,830 shares were purchased on the open market. Of such shares, 90,329 were sold through reinvestment by participants of their dividends, while the remaining 25,426 shares were sold to participants who elected to make optional cash payments. Certificates for 115,755 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.

Through December 31, 2005, the Company has issued and sold since the inception of the Plan 4,770,191 shares of its Common Stock, has received aggregate cash proceeds in the amount of \$106,954,337.41 from sales of 4,768,361 shares, and has issued certificates for 4,770,191 shares to its agent.

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 2005.

(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 2005:

Dividend Reinvestment

<u>Date</u>	<u>Price</u>	Shares Sold	Gross Proceeds
February 15, 2005 May 13, 2005 August 15, 2005 November 15, 2005	\$ 36.45 \$ 36.15 \$ 37.025 \$ 34.74	22,208 22,184 21,560 24,377	\$809,481.60 \$801,951.60 \$798,259.00 \$846,856.98
Optional Cash Payments			
January 14, 2005 February 15, 2005 March 15, 2005 April 15, 2005 May 13, 2005 June 15, 2005 July 15, 2005 August 15, 2005 September 15, 2005 October 14, 2005 November 15, 2005 December 15, 2005	\$ 33.12 \$ 36.45 \$ 36.47 \$ 35.115 \$ 36.15 \$ 36.975 \$ 38.18 \$ 37.025 \$ 36.94 \$ 34.24 \$ 34.74 \$ 35.33	2,698 2,002 1,676 1,829 2,343 2,102 2,359 1,521 1,930 3,046 2,090 1,830	\$89,357.76 \$72,972.90 \$61,123.72 \$64,225.33 \$84,699.45 \$77,721.45 \$90,054.82 \$56,315.02 \$71,284.55 \$104,295.04 \$172,606.60 \$0
Grand Total		<u>115,755</u>	<u>\$4,101,205.82</u>

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

Gross Proceeds Received:

113,925 shares sold at various prices	\$4,101,205.82
1,830 shares sold (open market purchases)	0
Expenses actually and necessarily incurred as detailed in this Report	61,636.11
Net proceeds to be accounted for	\$4,039,569.71

- (C) The net proceeds of \$4,039,569.71 received from the sales of Common Stock during 2005 were made part of the general treasury funds of the Company and were used to finance in part its continuing utility construction program.
- (D) The expenses actually and necessarily incurred in connection with the issuance and sale of shares of Common Stock during 2005 and the accumulative total incurred in this Docket were as follows:

		Actual Amount	
	Estimated(a)	2005	Accumulative Total
Par Value of Common Stock Issued Plus Premium	\$15,199,310 _87,281,940	\$ 360,762 3,740,444	\$ 15,099,783 <u>91,854,555</u>
Gross Proceeds	\$102,481,250	4,101,206	\$106,954,338
Securities and Exchange Commission Registration Fee	28,527	3,152	25,629
New York Stock Exchange Listing Fee	2,625	2,625	5,250
Fees to State Regulatory Authorities Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission Oregon Public Utility Commission Other	451	- 100 -	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		- - - - -	33,039 2,808 1,286 1,825 7,970 2,050
American Mail-Well Merrill Corp. Digitype Imaging and Design R. R. Donnelly Miscellaneous		9,117	3,099 1,255 3,083 9,117 46,984
Administration Costs	173,000		
Bradford Trust Company (successor 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	29,681 1,216	178,476 1,216
Accountants' Fees Deloitte & Touche PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP	56,500	2,100	29,025 8,190
NASD Listing Fee	800	-	-
Miscellaneous Expense Miller and Lents Ltd. (formerly	170,148		2 506
Brokaw, Dixon & McKee) Freight and Postage Admail, Inc. American Stock Transfer & Trust (expenses)		24 - 13,571	3,506 139,396 56,139 22,914
Other		50	5,686
Total Deductions	718,051	61,636	637,073
Net Amount Realized	<u>\$101,763,199</u>	<u>\$4,039,570</u>	<u>\$106,317,265</u>

⁽a) Based upon sale of the Common Stock over a 29-year period

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my hand and the corporate seal of Northwest Natural Gas Company this 1st day of February 2006.

(SEAL)

C. J. Rue

Secretary of Northwest Natural Gas Company

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of February 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL
LINDA M. WARREN
NOTARY PUBLIC-OREGON
COMMISSION NO. 381962
MY COMMISSION EXPIRES JUNE 21, 2008

Notary Public for Oregon My Commission Expires 6/21/08